

## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

We are delighted to be able to offer the loan of resources that you can take home to use with your family. As parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher and research shows that children who engage in learning activities at home attain better intellectual, social and behavioural development scores.

As a result of this, we have created story sacks and busy finger packs that you can borrow. These home learning resources are kept in the main reception and there is a signing out folder. We have carefully selected resources to accompany books and activity cards to help. Please ensure that once you've enjoyed these at home, the packs are returned to school with all of their contents.

**If you lose a piece please don't worry - just let the office know so we can replace it!**



## KEYWORDS

### Acorn

Truck  
Mixer

*Research tells us that a wide vocabulary in childhood is linked to future success both at school and in the wider world!*

We are growing our children's vocabulary by carefully selecting words that will support their understanding of current learning. Keypersons will explicitly introduce the words to their groups then all staff in the room will be using these words throughout the sessions each day

Please look out for the words in each newsletter and support your child by:

- asking your child about these words
- asking your child to say/sign their keywords
- using these words at home in your conversations (where possible!)

### Willow

Shiny  
Tunnel  
Ticket  
Meadow

### Conkers

Dinosaur  
Above  
Spiky  
Lumpy

### Nursery School

Brambles  
Meadow  
Slobbering/Drool  
Valley

**Regular exposure to these words at home and at school will maximise the chances of the words being understood and / or used by your child.**

### LET'S SIGN...



We teach all children to sign. This supports communication and ensures the communication of all children is valued. This Month's sign is "Good Morning" Please ask any staff member to show you if you are unsure.

### MUSIC..

This half-term we will be focusing on Jazz music. If you have any Jazz song suggestions, please share them with us.



If you play a musical instrument and would like to share your talent with the children, we would greatly appreciate it.

# CURRICULUM - REGULATION

## What we do at school:

It is vital for children to understand, label and ultimately control their emotions and learn strategies to support them to self-regulate. The Zones of Regulation help children to identify how they're feeling and categorise feelings based on four colours. The teaching of the zones helps children to understand their emotions, sensory needs, and thinking patterns. They learn different strategies to help them cope and manage their emotions based on which colour zone they're in.



## How you can help at home:

Match TV characters to Zones! When you're watching TV with your child, ask them to identify which zone their favourite characters are in throughout the show. This is a great way to turn your child's screen time into a learning experience and to show your child that the zones can be found everywhere. For further information on the 'Zones of Regulation' and other aspects of personal development look [here](#) on our website.

## SUCCESS STORY OF THE WEEK!



This week our success story was the children in Conker Room started to self-serve their food. This achievement is a wonderful reflection of their growing independence. Allowing children to self-serve not only encourages them to make choices about their meal but also helps them develop fine motors skills, coordination and understanding of portion control.

## REMINDER

Can we please reminder all parents to kindly reply to the email regarding health care plans that was sent out. It is very important that we are made aware of any updates and that parents confirm that all details within the document are correct.

WE WANT TO INVITE ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO OUR MACMILLAN COFFEE AND CAKE EVENT. THIS IS A CAUSE WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO OUR HEART AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT MACMILLAN AS MUCH AS WE CAN. PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT WHILE DONATING FOR A GOOD CAUSE.



## DATES/REMINDERS

- MacMillan coffee & Cake Event - Friday 27th September
- October Half Term - 28th October - 1st November