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# Reception Newsletter

We have had an amazing first week at school! The children have really settled well, made good friends, and are even pretty good at tidying up!

As of the 25<sup>th</sup> of September we will be starting our observations of focus children. We will spend time observing three children a week, really getting to know where they are in their learning and how we can support them to achieve their next steps. So be on the lookout for letters in bookbags! We will ask you for some information of how they are getting on at home, and if you have any thing you would like to know more about. The week *after* their focus week, you will be invited into school on either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday at pick up time to share what we have seen. The first round of focus weeks will take place between now and Christmas, so please don't worry if you don't see a form for a little while. Of course, if you have anything you would like to discuss before this point we are always around before and after school for a chat.

## Phonics

We are going to start teaching phonics on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, and children will bring home some information about each sound as they learn them. Each sheet has two QR codes that link to videos to help you support your child saying and writing each sound, with the phrase that we use at school.

## Reading books

We have started sending home reading books for you to share with your children. We will change these books on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please can you note in the red log book when you have read at home.

Thank you,

Jess Channon,