



Wickford Primary School

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Welcome to Foundation Stage

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a successful first full week and we are extremely proud of how well your children have settled. Thank you for your positivity at the school gates and encouragement that you have provided to your children in order to make their transition as smooth as possible.

Tapestry

Hopefully, you will have received an email today (to the address you provided us with) to activate your Tapestry account. If you haven't, please contact us via the email address detailed below. As of next week, we will begin loading photos and observations of your children so you can see what life is like in reception and what they are learning. Please let us know if you have any issues so you don't miss these. I will also email out the terms and conditions that you signed as a reminder.

Reading

Your children will be coming home with a Lilac colour banded reading book today. These picture books can be used to ensure your children know the correct way to hold a book and how to turn pages. They also encourage really important skills of story-telling and developing language. As we get to know your child, and we begin teaching Phonics, they will move through the colour bands and be able to practise their blending skills. We will explain this more at the welcome meeting detailed below. When you read with your child, please record this in their yellow reading record. A brilliant extra resource is **Bug Club**. Here, you are able to access an excellent range of online books to interest your child and they earn points to spend. You will receive a log in inside your child's reading diary today. If there are any issues with this, please email the year group address.

Communication

We ensure that teachers are available on the gate at the beginning and end of the school day for a very quick message. Alternatively, you may wish to send an email to the year group account: **YR-20@wickford-pri.essex.sch.uk**. However, if your message is urgent and you haven't managed to speak with the teacher, please contact the school office because teachers are not always able to check emails daily. It is important to us that we maintain strong communication with our parents, so if you have any feedback regarding this, please contact Mrs Randall.

Welcome to FS Zoom meeting

As we introduce more aspects of school life such as Phonics, you may find that you begin to have questions. Therefore, we are inviting you to a welcome meeting where we will explain how we teach early reading and mathematical skills and will provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions relating to your child being in Foundation stage (FS). This will take place on **27th September at 1.30pm**. The link for the Zoom will be emailed out nearer the time. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks again for all of your support so far.

Kind regards,

Mrs Randall (Deputy Headteacher) and the FS team.