



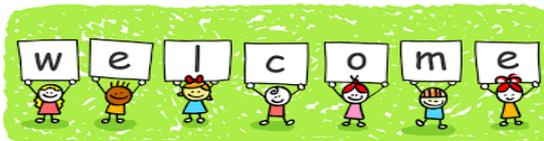
South Gosforth First School
EYFS Half Termly News



Autumn Term 1 September 2021

Welcome to South Gosforth First School!

We have had a wonderful first week together and we are so proud of the children and the way that they have settled and begun to get used to our daily routines. We are looking forward to having all of the children full time together this week and are very excited to be part of your child's first year at South Gosforth First School.



Phonics

From this week, we will be beginning our whole class daily Phonics sessions. This year we are following a new phonics scheme called "Little Wandle". We will start learning the Phase 2 sounds this week. As soon as the children have learnt the first two sounds, we begin learning how to blend them together to make words. The sessions will last 10 minutes to start with and will increase in length throughout the year. Each session will provide lots of opportunities for the children to read words and then move onto writing words.

At the end of each week, we will send home the sounds that we have learnt that week so that the children can practise them at home.



Reading

We will begin to send reading books home in a few weeks. The first books that the children will have are wordless books. These books help to develop the children's prediction and comprehension skills through discussing the pictures and telling their own story. The children will have a Reading Diary with a guide inside for how you can support your child with reading at home.

As part of our phonics scheme "Little Wandle", the children all read in a group three times a week in school. The first time of reading is to decode the text, the second is to develop fluency and the third is to develop comprehension skills.

This book will then be sent home as an e-book after the three sessions in school. The aim of this book is to provide further consolidation and practice which is vitally important to help to develop children's fluency when reading.

A further phonic book from our school selection will also be sent home. This book will align with the phonic phase that your child is working at and will enable your child to apply their phonic skills using sounds that they have recently learnt. Each child will also choose a library book that is read for enjoyment and an adult will share with them. This can be any book chosen from the school library.

All reading books and library books will be changed on a **Friday**, so please ensure that your child has their books and reading diary in their bag every Friday.



