



## Foundation Stage Newsletter – Issue 3

This week we have been looking at the children's physical development and our focus question has been, 'What can we do with our bodies?' We have assessed the children's ball skills, including throwing, catching and kicking a large ball, looked at their ability to hold a pencil, ride 2 and 3 wheel bikes and scooters and use scissors effectively. During carpet times we shared the book 'Funny Bones' and learnt a new song about our bodies.

We have taught the children that they need to independently put on their own shoes and socks, coats and jumpers and we ask that they practise these skills at home. The children now know our raffle ticket reward system. Perhaps ask your child how this system works.

### **CAUGHT YOU DOING THE RIGHT THING – RAFFLE TICKETS**

As part of our behaviour management strategy in school we strive to reward positive behaviour. This is achieved by setting goals, based on following the Golden Rules, for the week and rewarding the children as we notice them making good choices. They receive raffle tickets when they are "caught doing the right thing". These raffle tickets are put in a pot and a name is drawn out each week and that child receives a small prize for their good school conduct.

This is in addition to our **Star Pupil Certificate** which is awarded each week to a child who has an exceptional week. This can be for a personal goal achieved which shows star quality or a generally high standard of achievement during the week.

### **LEARNING CHALLENGE CURRICULUM**

The curriculum at East Hunsbury Primary School which all children across the school follow is an enquiry based approach to teaching and learning. The Learning Challenge concept is built around the principle of greater learner involvement in their work. It requires deeper thinking and encourages learners to work using a question as a starting point. You will receive a half-termly learning overview and if you want to find out more about the **Learning Challenge Curriculum**, please look at the Focus Education Website. [www.focus-education.co.uk](http://www.focus-education.co.uk)

## KINETIC LETTERS

Kinetic letters is our whole school approach to teaching handwriting and we will shortly be sharing more information about this with you at our Curriculum Workshop event. Currently, we are showing the children how they can do lots of different exercises to help make their bodies stronger and we have talked about these exercises helping to make them good writers as they grow. You may have seen the children laying on their tummies at story time and they may have told you about practising "down bump" at carpet time! We are enclosing a Kinetic strength sheet for you to continue practising these exercises at home.

## PE

PE will now be on a Thursday. Please ensure long hair is tied back, earrings are removed and a fully labelled PE kit is kept in school.

## READING INFORMATION EVENING

We hope to see you all on Wednesday at 630pm for this session. It will be a friendly, relaxed session with chance to hear all about way we are going to be teaching reading in reception this year. If you can't make this session do pop into let us know.



Wednesday

4<sup>th</sup> October

630pm

## NEXT WEEK

Our focus question for next week will be,  
What I like best is.....?

**Please remember** to send your child to school on Monday with one of the following:

- A favourite toy or
- A favourite teddy or
- A favourite book or
- A piece of sports equipment to represent a favourite sport or
- A picture or packaging to represent a favourite food

Please ensure the item is clearly named.

Thank you