

Year R 2020-21

Bentley CE Primary School

with Miss Smith (Year R Teacher)



Key Days During The School Week.

MONDAY – Reading books changed

TUESDAY – PE with Miss Smith, Library (Please make sure your child's library book is in their book bag)

WEDNESDAY – French with Madame Jones and PE with CM Sports. Reading books changed.

THURSDAY – Outdoor Learning

FRIDAY – Change reading books. Show and tell (Starts on Friday 25th September 2020)

Show and Tell

- Show and Tell has to be a bit different this year due to the Coronavirus.
- Children are **NOT ALLOWED** to bring in any toys, notebooks or pens from home – we have stationary at school for them to use.
- Please upload a picture of your child's show and tell to their Tapestry account. This could be their favourite toy, a certificate, a holiday photo or something that is special to them.
- Squares – Friday 25th September
- Circles – Friday 2nd October
- Rectangles – Friday 9th October
- Triangles – Friday 16th October
- Pentagons – Friday 23rd October
- Please note, I will write in **the front of** your child's reading record which shape group they are in.



Outdoor Learning



- As part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum (EYFS), it is a statutory requirement that children within this key stage are provided with opportunities to explore outside as well as inside in ALL WEATHERS.
- Every **THURSDAY** Year R will go to our school woods in the afternoon for outdoor exploring, where we will develop our understanding of the natural world, through child-initiated and adult led activities.
- PLEASE send in your child with a **named** pair of wellies so that they can join in and experience our outdoor lessons. If you do not want your child's school coat to get dirty, please can you send in a **named** waterproof coat appropriate for your child to wear when learning outdoors.

Year R Reminders

- Please ensure that your child brings a **full**, named water bottle to school EVERYDAY.
- Please fill up their bottles with **WATER ONLY**.
- As the weather is beginning to get colder, please make sure you send your child into school with a **named** coat and when required **named** hats, scarves and gloves,
- Please make sure your child has a pair of trainers in their PE bag.
- Please label everything clearly so that the children and adults can easily see who the item belongs to.
- Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish to school as it is not part of the school uniform.



At Bentley CE Primary School we teach Phonics to our children using the Read, Write, Inc approach.





- We have a phonics lesson every day in Year R.
- Fred the frog helps us to learn our letters and sounds.
- A **digraph** is where two letters together make one sound e.g. 'sh'
- A **trigraph** is where three letters together make one sound e.g. 'air'
- During our phonics lessons, as part of read, write, inc we refer to digraphs and trigraphs as 'special friends'.
- When blending sounds together to read a word we follow the routine of identifying; special friends, sounds and then read the word.
- A **red** word is a 'tricky' word that cannot be sounded out phonetically, for example; she, the, my.
- **Useful website** – type read, write, inc into Youtube. There are some good videos to help you understand phonics a little more and how to pronounce sounds correctly.

Learning to Read in Year R

- We change reading books every **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY** and **FRIDAY**, therefore please make sure your child's reading record and book are in their book bags everyday.



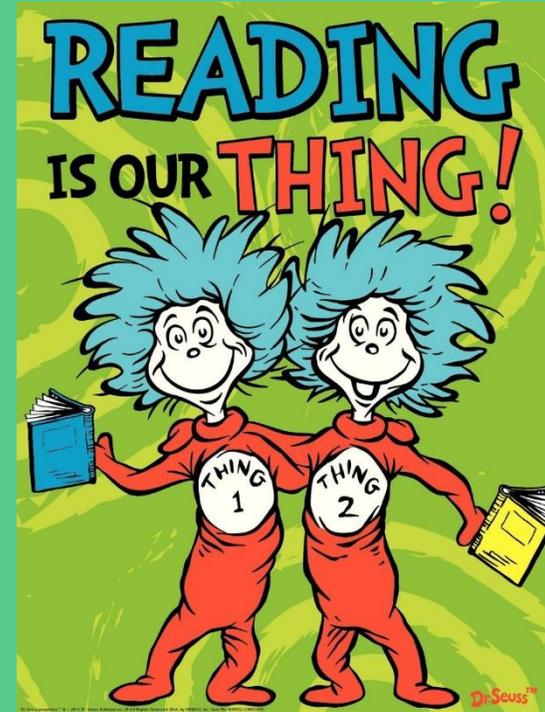
Reading Records



- **Every** time you read or share a book with your child please write it down in their reading records.
- As a school we encourage ALL children to read 5 times a week.

Year R Home Reading Tips

- I recommend reading with your child for **10 minutes, 5** times a week.
- If your child does not want to read sometimes, please do not worry. The children read every day at school and sometimes they just might want to hear a story at home instead of reading one – this is absolutely fine and counts for one of your five times a week, so don't forget to write it down in their reading record.
- There are lots of different games you can play with your child when sharing a book, such as: 'spot the letter', 'I-spy', 'spot the tricky/ red word'. A Tricky/ red word is a high frequency word.
- Share a variety of reading material with your child, for example; magazines, comics, information books, leaflets, road signs and audio books – **these all contribute to positive reading experiences for the children and count as one of their five reads a week.**





In Year R we use an online learning journal tool called 'Tapestry'. I sent out all of your login details in your child's book bag on their first day at school. **Please log on to double check that you can access your child's account.**

Tapestry is a great way to share what your child learns at home with me which helps me to assess your child's overall development.

You can either post photos or just a comment about something your child has learnt or achieved outside of school.

My Year R team and I will post observations of your child learning at school for you to see at home. Tapestry can also be used as a good talking point between you and their child when speaking with them about their day at school.

Arrival at School

- Just a reminder that children need to be in school by 8.55am.
- If your child is ill please phone or email the school office to let them know by 8.30.
- If your child will be absent from school for a period of time or has a medical appointment, you will need to complete an absence form. Please ask me at the gate and I will get you a copy or you can email the office.
- If you have any messages for me in the mornings please let my LSA (Learning Support Assistant) know at the gate and they will write it down in our communication book and will pass it onto me.
- If your child is going home with another adult other than you, or is attending a club, for example After School Club, please let us know at the gate in the morning. If you arrange for someone else to pick up your child during the day, please email the office and they will pass the message onto me.

Home time

- At the moment, home time for Year R is between 3.05 and 3.15, to allow parents with older siblings to collect their Year R child first, before queuing up to collect their older child.
- Please follow the one way system outside the Year R Recreation gate and maintain social distancing. If you would like to ask me a question, please could you wait until the end of the queue, so that I can dismiss the children safely and keep the line moving. Alternatively, you can email the school office and I will get back to you as soon as possible or let my LSA know at the gate in the morning.

Behaviour at Bentley

- At Bentley we always try to spot positive behaviours and praise the children when they make good choices.
- In Year R we have a behaviour system of a sun, rainbow and superstar. All children start fresh every day on the sun. If they do a good thing an adult will move their name up to the rainbow. If they do something 'above and beyond' they get to go on the super star. If they get on the super star, they receive a special sticker at the end of the day.
- We have a gold card and red card system too. A gold card is a great achievement and can be awarded by any adult in school.
- We are all human and as we know everyone makes mistakes. If this happens, the child will have had two warnings. If the unwanted behaviour continues they will be given a red card and will miss 5 minutes of their next play.

Bentley Rules and Values

We have three main rules at Bentley which we teach to our children and expect them to follow. They are;

- Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Our three school values are;

- Courage, Community and Love.

Year R School Trips

- The following are our class school trips for the 2020-21 academic year;
 - Apple picking at a local apple orchard – Monday 5th October 2020
 - Trip to Alice Holt (The Gruffalo Trail) – date to be confirmed
 - Trip to St. Mary's Church in Bentley – date to be confirmed.

- I plan to arrange more trips for Year R but I am currently researching places outdoors that are appropriate and safe enough for us to attend during the current times.