



Mice Class Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026



Literacy

This week in English, our learning has been based around the theme 'all about me'. We have read stories each day about how we are all different but all equal. We have also enjoyed stories about starting school. We all drew our first picture of ourselves and had a go at writing our name which is the first piece of work to go into our English books.

Baseline Assessments

This week, every child has completed the DfE 'Baseline Assessment'. I have also been carrying out my own assessments with the children through their play. This helps us to understand what stage each child is at in their development and informs future planning and support within class. The assessments are all carried out in a fun, informative, playful way. I have put a leaflet about the DfE baseline in the children's bags to read at your leisure.

Phonics

Next week we will be beginning our phonics lessons. Each day we will learn a new sound and practise spotting things with that initial sound. We will also be practising to form the grapheme (letter shape) each day. I will send home handwriting practise sheets for you to practise with your children at home too. 😊

Our Core Concept this term is... Responsibility and Risk

Other learning this week...

This week during continuous provision (this is our learning through play time, which we call busy time!) we have painted self-portraits and made collage puppets of ourselves. We read 'The Colour Monster' this week too, so some of our busy time learning has been linked to this story. We sorted the monster's colours into different feelings jars and also coloured our own colour monster and talked about what makes us feel happy. We have very much enjoyed the duplo, cars, train track, tap-a-shape and dressing up! We LOVE dressing up!! In the garden we have had fun on the bikes, trikes and digging in the sand pit.

Celebrations



This week we are celebrating **Ambrose** for his wonderful home learning and for working so hard on his name writing too.

We are also celebrating **Elijah** for demonstrating our school value 'compassion' this week. He is kind and considerate towards others, has wonderful manners and is already showing us what a 'Shining Star' he is going to be at Stelling Minnis!

The whole class have done incredibly well during their first week at primary school. We are very proud of every single one of them! Mrs O and Miss Kennedy x

Important Messages and Dates for the Diary

Tuesdays- PE day

Wednesdays- Welly Wednesday

Friday 18th September- PTA coffee morning 9am

Tuesday 22nd September- Mice and Badgers welcome Worship. 9:10am in the school hall. Parents welcome.

Friday 2nd October- Individual school photos.

