

# Emerald Class Newsletter

## Welcome to South Avenue Primary School

Emerald Class Teacher - Mr Sonnex  
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Schreur



Once you have completed your 'Tapestry' form, Mr Sonnex will set up your personal access to your child's online learning journal. If you need help accessing Tapestry please let us know.

Welcome! The children have now settled in very well into Emerald Class. They are all getting used to the school routine and are enjoying exploring all the resources both in the classroom and in the outdoor learning area.

Curriculum information

### Our topic in term 1 is 'Special People'.



We will be busy getting to know all our new friends. We will be talking about our families, pets and our likes and dislikes. We will be exploring the world around us using our different senses and learning about the different parts of our bodies with games and songs. We will be thinking about the special people in our local community and will hopefully have a visit from the local fire service.

In maths this term, we will be learning to count, recognise, order and write numbers. We will be ordering items by height and length. We will begin to understand about adding as the idea of 'more'.

In literacy, we will begin by practising listening for sounds before moving onto learning some of the sounds in Phase 2. Please see your 'Parent guide to Letters and Sounds' for more detail. We will be retelling stories and learning all about the different Oxford Reading Tree characters.

If you work within the community e.g. as a Police Officer, Nurse, Builder, Farmer etc then please let Mr Sonnex know.

### How can you help at home?

- Write name, numbers and practising letter formation (in cursive font).
- Practising letter sounds.
- Recognising numbers.
- Counting.
- Listening to stories.
- Dressing and undressing.
- Using a knife and fork
- Taking turns in a game
- Waiting for their turn.

Please remember to bring in your 'All about me' box.

### Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.



### P.E is on Fridays

Please could you ensure your child has their P.E kit in school. **Please remove earrings on these days** - this is an important health and safety issue.



### Reading books

Each week we will listen to your child reading their reading books as well as reading in different situations e.g. bingo games. Reading is a tricky skill to master and your child will benefit from **reading with you at home as much as possible**. Please ensure your child's reading book is brought into school every day. Books will be changed twice a week on Monday and Thursday.



### Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing has their name on it. It makes it much easier to reunite children with lost clothes.

Please use a permanent laundry marker or sewn in name labels as biro washes out easily.  
Thank you