

# South End Infant School

## Year One Newsletter - September 2024

Welcome back to a new school year. The children have settled into their new classes well and have made a fantastic effort to listen carefully and follow new routines. We are very excited to see the amazing progress they will make in Year One.

This term, our topic is 'What We'll Build'. During our Science lessons, the children will be naming objects and identifying the materials they are made from. They will learn that objects are made from materials that suit their purpose and begin to group them based on their properties. In Geography, they will be talking about where we live and identifying the physical and human features of Rushden. The children will begin their learning in Design and Technology by exploring the structure of a windmill. They will follow a design criteria to make a windmill and explore ways to improve their end product.

### Phonics

In Phonics, the children will begin to learn the Extended Code as well as revisiting the Initial Code from Reception. Here are the sounds with some example words that we will be teaching:

<ai ay ea a-e> rain play steak snake

<e ea ee y> we leaf tree sunny

<o oa ow oe o-e> so goat snow toe bone

<er ir or ur> her swirl work church

### Handwriting

In our daily Handwriting lessons, the children will be learning to form the letters in the Jumper Family (h, n, m, r, b and p), Abacadabra Family (c, o, a, d, g, q, and s) and Window Cleaner Family (l, t, i and u).

### English

Our learning in English will be based on 'What We'll Build' by Oliver Jeffers. The children will learn to recall a shorter version of the text, using actions. They will explore the text and take part in lots of speaking and listening activities. During writing tasks, the children will be expected to say each sentence out loud, before writing it. We will be focusing on leaving a space between each word, writing neatly on the line and being independent.

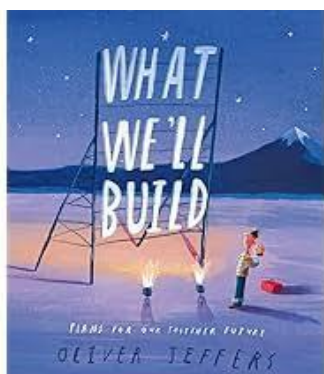
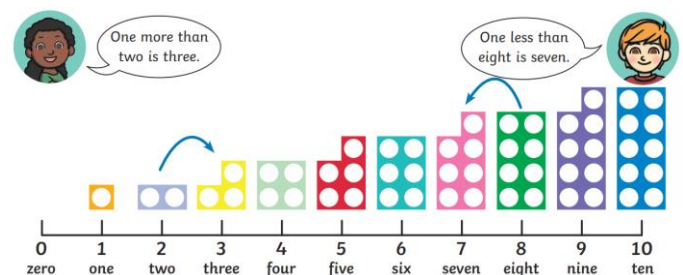
### Maths

Over the next few weeks, the children will be learning about sorting and counting objects accurately to 10. They will count forwards and backwards within 10 whilst finding one more and one less than a given number.

They will be using equipment to compare numbers using the greater than and less than symbols  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$  to.

They will begin to use part-whole models and learn about fact families within 10. They will find number bonds for numbers within 10 and compare the number bonds.

They will add amounts together, add more and use number bonds. They will subtract by taking away, crossing out, counting back and finding a part. They will develop their ability to solve and reason with number problems.



### How You Can Support Your Child

- Practise forming letters correcting using our Kinetic Letters handout.
- Read to your child regularly to develop their knowledge, vocabulary and love of reading.
- Listen to your child read their school book (little and often). Can they read the whole book without overtly sounding out each word?
- Practise counting forwards and backwards within 100.
- Please remember to sign your child's reading record, so that we can celebrate their efforts at school. This can be a smiley face and your name. 😊

