



### A Busy Week

What a busy week we have had! The children are now familiar with their new classroom and our routines. We have spent time this week doing group activities to support new and blossoming friendships. It has been wonderful to watch the children as they form new bonds.

### Phonics

Next week, we will begin teaching our phonics programme. We are sure the children will enjoy learning sounds and playing fun phonics games! Each Friday, the children will bring home their sounds folder containing the sounds they have learned that week. Under each letter is space for the children to practise their letter formation. This is optional, but we encourage you to spend time looking through the folder each week with your child to help embed their phonics learning.

### The Colour Monster Goes to School

Next week's book of the week will be *The Colour Monster Goes to School*. As we read the book, we will be reflecting on how we felt during our first days in the classroom and thinking about how we feel now that we have settled in a little bit more. We will use our Literacy books for the first time, having a go at drawing the Colour Monster and attempting to write some initial sounds. This is always one of my personal favourite pieces of work to look back on throughout the year – seeing the children's starting points and how much they develop over time never ceases to amaze me!

### Other Learning News...

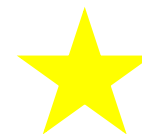
In Maths, we are focusing on number recognition and one-to-one correspondence when counting. In Expressive Arts & Design, we have already begun drawing our self-portraits and linking this to our Understanding the World learning by thinking about who we are and how all families are different.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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### Things to Remember:

- If your child is on a school dinner, please ensure to **pre-order** their lunch via the School Grid app.
- Please ensure your child has a **named** water bottle, book bag and coat in school each day.
- Please bring in a named pair of wellies to be left in school for outdoor play.



### Star Awards

Hayley

&

Harvey



Our week in photos – check out our class gallery:

<https://www.harris.lancs.sch.uk/works/6754/9571>