

Early Years Newsletter



Staffing News

A message from Miss Heads...

It is with sadness I wish to inform you that next half term will be my last as a teacher at Southridge First School. Recently I accepted an offer of a funded PhD studentship at Northumbria University in the Faculty of Education and Lifelong Learning and will commence my studies in the autumn. The decision to leave my post here at Southridge was an extremely difficult one; I have had the privilege and pleasure of working with so many wonderful children and will miss the school community a great deal. It is the children who have inspired me and given me the confidence and motivation to pursue this new exciting, challenge, and I hope the research I complete will have a positive impact on the schooling of primary-aged children in the future. Thank you for all your support.

Miss Heads

The Chronicle

Did you know that the Chronicle prints children's drawings in the paper every day and gives a weekly craft prize each week? We've heard that the paper gets very few entries so the chances of winning a prize are pretty high! Take a look here for more information...

<http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/local-news/your-childs-drawing-printed-chronicle-8053241>

Where the Wild Things Are - After half term we will be reading this classic Maurice Sendak story. In preparation you may like to read this story at home. There is also a fantastic website where you can create your own 'wild self'!

<http://www.buildyourwildself.com/>

Please print and send your pictures in!



Have a lovely half term holiday!

MATHS - In maths this week we have been exploring halving. As well as working to develop mental recall of some halving number facts, we have been trying to help children consider what a half looks like in lots of different contexts e.g. how would we find a half of a bag of flour or this 1 metre length of string? What would half an apple look like compared to half a triangle? Around the home you could try some practical applications of halving and sharing...

How will I know when the bath is half full?

How will I find half of this bag of popcorn?

How will we share out these grapes so we all have the same amount?

Here are 14 lego bricks. How will I find half?

You may like to record your halving play on the sheet provided.

We have also attached a halving mat for you to use at home. To find half of 8, the children would count out 8 objects into the large oblong before sharing them out, one at a time, between the two smaller rectangles.

Week beginning: 18.5.15