Newsletter 18th September 20026

Welcome

Your children have continued to amaze us this week with their determination, resilience and ability to adapt to new situations. We have had another fantastic week full of learning and fun.

Learning this week: As artists the children had a go at creating a monochrome portrait of themselves ready to go on our display board. They also used pebbles to make a 3d picture of their own family. The children took such care and gave their artwork such thought and consideration.

To develop their fine motor skills, the children used tweezers to pick up different sized pom poms and make pictures using them. They were very proud of their work and eager to show the teacher.

Outside we had Airfield Doctors surgery this week and the children really showed what incredible imaginations they have. We had receptionists writing down appointments, patients waiting in the waiting room and several doctors and nurses helping everyone back to good health. It was a very popular activity. With the large construction parts, the children made ambulances and hospitals.

We had our first lunch time on Wednesday, and the children all did so well. They found their space in the line, collected their tray and cutlery, carried their lunch and sat together to eat. They showed such independence.

Another first for us this week as we experienced our first fire drill on Thursday. We spoke about what this meant and what would happen. The children were well prepared and were so sensible when they heard the alarm.

As a class we took time to think about the question "What makes a successful learner?" We introduced the words curiosity, motivation, resilience, reflection and regulation and explored what these words meant. We will be looking out for children demonstrating these learning behaviours and using this vocabulary regularly around our school.

Literacy: This week we have been learning the phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (how to write): s, a, t, p. The children have been exploring different words that contain these sounds and having a go at forming these letters. We have also been doing lots of oral blending practise of a variety of different words.

Maths: The children have been practising how to subitise this week and showed some great partner work to take turns to arrange counters in different ways to represent 3.

Our word of the week this week was **emergency.**

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 22nd Sept	**Individual school photos.** Please make sure that children come to school in full Airfield Primary Academy uniform for this.
Wednesday 23rd Sept	**Meet the teacher session 3:00.** An opportunity for you to come into the classroom and hear more about how the school day runs, the learning that is happening and a chance to ask any questions. It will be great to see as many of you there as possible.

Family Pictures: To help us with our 'me and my community' topic, please can you email over a family photo or send in a photo with your child on Monday next week. We will use them as a conversation starter during upcoming circle times. They will also be used in learning activities so please only send in copies that you don't mind being handled. Thank you so much.

PE Kits: Please send your child into school with their PE kits next week as we will be changing for our first PE lesson on Thursday.

We hope you all have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week for more fun and adventure.

Kind regards
Mrs Bosley, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Redding