



Dear Reception Parents,

We are proud to introduce our 'Story Sacks'!

What is a story sack?

A story sack is a large cloth bag containing a good quality young child's picture book with supporting materials to stimulate reading activities. To bring the book to life, soft toys of the main character, props relating to items in the story, a non-fiction book relating to the fiction theme, an audio tape or a language game based on the book could be included.

The aim of a story sack is to give a parent the confidence to enjoy books and reading together with their child, thus creating a combined learning experience. Not every parent finds it easy to read stories but with the supporting materials a story sack offers, all parents can successfully share books with their child at a variety of levels.

Every item in the sack has been carefully chosen to offer a multi-sensory approach to the sharing of books and will make reading fun for both parents and children. Story sacks will help develop and improve your child's reading skills and encourage a life-long love of reading.

Since we have only 30 sacks so far, the two classes will alternate and will take them home every other week. Monday is Story Sack day!! Children will choose a story sack on a Monday, keep it at home for the week and return the sack and its contents the following Monday. It is very important that your child returns the sack on time, to ensure there is enough sacks for all children in the other class to take one home that day.

Story Sacks are to be launched on Monday 15th January 2007 where they will be issued to the Acorns class first and then to the Conkers class on the following Monday (22th Jan). The class not receiving story sacks will take home a maths game to play at home with you.

It is imperative that we have all parents' full co-operation with the scheme to enable it to run as smoothly as possible. Please sign and return the slip if you wish your child to be involved in this educationally valuable scheme.

I, the parent/guardian of(child's full name) wish my child to take part in the Story Sack scheme. I take full responsibility for the Story Sack and agree to check and return/replace all its contents. I realise the story sack is to be used only with adult supervision and is not suitable for younger children.

Signed.....(Parent/Guardian) Date.....