



Reception Newsflash



Friday 29th September 2023

Reception Weekly News

Well, another busy week was had in Reception this week. We have been discussing our families and who lives in our house. We talked about families and all the important Grandparents and extended family who give us love too. We have continued with our story of the Gingerbread Man and this week the children have been introduced to the characters of the Gingerbread Man and Mrs and Mrs Baker.

In our phonics sessions this week, we have learnt the sound (phoneme) **t, p**. So far we have learnt the sounds **s.a.t.p**. I wonder if you can play eye spy and find objects from around your house beginning with these sounds.

We have continued the **Statutory Reception Baseline** with the children. This week's focus has been on number activities- The children have blown our socks off.

We have changed **our School Library Books** and a new book has been sent home with your child this week. This is a story book that can be read or shared by an adult with your child. We ask that you read library books at home and return them to **school on a Friday** which is the day they can swap their books. Children will get their own reading books once we have learnt enough sounds in our Phonics lessons. We do ask that children read at **least three times a week**. Please read your library book at least three times a week so children know the expectation. This is good practice for when your child starts reading.



Drop off and collection

Drop off

Thank you for your support with drop offs. In order to ensure that children safely enter the building please can we ask that once a child has started walking up the ramp that you exit the playground via the small gate. Please could we ask that **NO PARENTS** go up the ramp as this is a safety issue.

Collection

When we dismiss children at the end of the day, please can we ask parents to arrive promptly before **3.25pm**. If you have older siblings in school, please collect the youngest child first. As you are aware we are trying to dismiss three classes from two doors. To make things easier and safer for all of our children, please stand at the rear of the playground and do not approach the ramp, railings and steps. If you need to speak to the Reception staff, please wait until **ALL** children in **ALL** have been safely dismissed, before you approach the staff. Children will not be able to return in to school to collect forgotten items until all children are safely with their adult. Thank you for your continued support with keeping everybody safe at collection time.

Water Bottles

Children need to bring in a named water bottle each day, **containing water**, not fruit juice, cordial or flavoured water. Milk is offered to children at snack time in the morning and afternoon. Drinks with packed lunches can be fruit juice, cordial or water. These are stored in a separate place.

Please do not put water bottles in your child's book bags. They sometimes spill or leak and can damage books and reading diaries. Many thanks with your support with this.

PE

From next week there will be a **change of day for Class 1's PE lessons**. They will now have **PE on a Tuesday**. Please could the children come into school in their PE kit. If your child does not have PE pumps in school, please could you send them in named and in a named bag?

Class 2's PE will continue to stay on a **Thursday**

Class 3 on a **Friday**.

Many thanks.

Forest School

This week Class 3's turn in FOREST SCHOOL

Children should come to school on this day (**Monday**) in their PE kit; School t-shirt, School jumper/PE jacket, tracksuit bottoms.

They will require a

- Waterproof and warm over-jacket
- Waterproof trousers or dungarees
- Baseball hat, keeps the rain and sun out of the eyes
- Beanie hat that can be worn over baseball hat.
- Mittens, snood (no scarves please)
- Wellies or snow boots
- Long sleeved Thermal top and long pants (leggings)

We suggest wearing the thermal top to come to school in as we can remove layers easily in the morning session.



If you are concerned on colder days about your child's warmth, please put another layer in the bag ie thicker socks or a fleece, as it is easy to remove layers once out in the Forest School.

If you do not have kit, please let your class teacher know ASAP so that we can try and sort something out for you.

Forest school sessions take place either in the morning or afternoon – so please send children into school in their PE kit- (just joggers no shorts) not their **forest school kit**

Please could all Forest School Kit listed above come in to school in a separate bag, (**pump bag, back pack**) which is **ALL** clearly named. This makes it easier when we are trying to get children changed. Thank you 😊

Book Swap Shed

Now that the children are settled in school we will be opening our Book Swap shed in the Reception playground. How exciting! You will be able to use this shed from Monday after school. If you would like to use the Book Swap shed, please bring a book in from home and swap it with the books in our book swap shed at the end of the school day with your grown up.

Weekly Home Learning Challenges

This weeks home learning challenge is for our children to see how many cvc words children can make from the sounds s,a,t,p

Please send homework our way, so we can celebrate it in class.



Important Information

Snack money is £10 per term or £30 for the year. Please send any payments for snack with your child in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and the title Snack Money. You can pay for a term or for the full year. We use this money for all the extra exciting things we do in school each half term like baking, traditional tales feasts to name a few! Please note that children **are not** permitted to bring in their **own snack**.