



Reception Newsflash



Friday 6th October 2023

Reception Weekly News

Forest school has been up and running and our Class 3 friends have been out this week, enjoying exploring and investigating their environment. This week the children have had a sneaky hot chocolate and have been looking for signs of Autumn and seasonal changes.

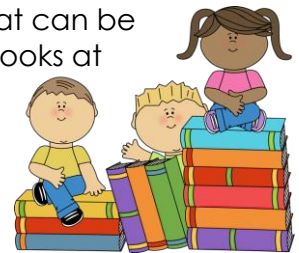
We have been celebrating Harvest and performing our songs to the children in Year One and Year Two. This week we have also started to learn about different faiths. We have met a friend called Grace who is a Christian and have found out that she believes in Jesus and God and that Christians have a special book called a Bible. We are beginning to understand that it is ok for people to believe different things and celebrate different festivals and celebrations.

Congratulations to all the children who have received their Sefton Reading Challenge certificates in assembly this week. It was wonderful to see how many Reception Children completed the Summer Reading challenge. We were so very proud. Please do not worry if you haven't had the chance to be involved – there is always next Summer. No wonder we were the highest achieving school in Crosby and in the whole of Sefton. What a wonderful achievement!

In our phonics sessions this week, we have learnt the sound (**phoneme**) **i** and **n**. So far we have learnt the sounds **s.a.t.p.i.n.**. Next week we will be recapping over the sounds we have learnt so far and working on our **blending for reading** and **segmenting for spelling**.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Phonics Workshop. If you were unable to attend but would like some information please use the following link <https://www.forefieldinfantschool.co.uk/reception/> on here you will find the **Phase 2 workshop for parents, the letter formation and pronunciation video** and the **Phase 2 secure information leaflet** which tells you all the things that your child needs to be able to do before they can move on.

School Library Books will continue to change on a **Friday**. This is a 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 will be when children swap their books. **Reading to your child daily is so important!** If you read just 1 book a day to your child they will have read 1825 books by their fifth birthday, every day counts, every book counts.... Imagine the impact you are having on their vocabulary!



The **Book Swap Shed** is outside the Reception playground, near the bike store. Please do bring and take books to swap. We can't wait to see it being used!

Drop off and collection

Thank you for your support at drop off and collection times. Collection at the end of the day seems to be running a lot smoother now and children are getting out much quicker. It has really helped with adults standing back as children can now see where their grown up is standing more easily. Please could you remind all adults collecting that if they need to speak to the Reception staff, they will need to wait until **ALL** children have been safely dismissed, not just your child's class. 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 this.

Forest School

This week it is Class 1 turn for Forest School (Monday 9th October)

Next week (16th October) Class 2 will be in Forest school

And the week after (30th October) Class 3 will be in Forest school

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



For Forest school sessions please send children into school in their PE kit- (just joggers no shorts) not their **forest school kit** as it may not be your child's group first.

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 😊

Weekly Home Learning Challenges

Next week we will be starting to explore the concept of past and present, for this we are asking that you email in to the class home learning selfie a picture of your child as a baby so that we can talk about what they looked like in the past compared to now. Please could we have these sent in ASAP.



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. Children will be provided with fruit and milk each day. We also use this money for all the extra exciting things we do like baking, traditional tales feasts to name a few! Please note that children **are not** permitted to bring in their **own snack**.

Words to read this week

Please can you practise reading these words with your child. Write them on some paper to make it easier. You could even write two of each word and make a pairs game but you can only keep them if you can read them! Remind your child to sound out each sound and squeeze them (blend) them together. You could even have a go at writing some too. Ask your child to stretch the word apart and then chop it up (segment) and write the sounds they can hear. **Practising regularly will really support your child!**

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Mental Health Drop In

On Friday 13th October, we would like to invite you to meet our Mental Health Support worker, Jas. She will be in the hall from 9:00am with cake and a cuppa and there will be information about what will be on offer this year to support your children e.g. support with sleep, support with behaviour, anxiety etc. Come along to say hello and find out more!