



Reception Newsflash



Friday 2nd February 2024

Reception Weekly News

This week we have continued to follow the adventures of The Naughty Bus, he has continued to cause lots of trouble and has fallen into the pond and had to be rescued by the truck. What excitement! We have been busy writing sentences using capital letters and full stops. I wonder if you can have a go at home. In our Maths this week, we have been looking at patterns and looking at 'the rule for a pattern', using maths terminology this is called the unit of repeat. So for example in the pattern below the rule would be 'small blue, big yellow.'



We have been looking at London Landmarks, comparing how they are the same and different in preparation for next week when we are going to pretend to be a tourist guide of London. We have been drawing London landmarks using our observational skills. Thank you to all those parents who have sent pictures in of children visiting the beach, we have shared and talked about these experiences.

Next week we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health week. This year's theme is 'Use Your Voice'. We will be exploring the theme by thinking about how although we are only small we can make a big difference in our world and looking at the book 'Speak Up!' by Nathan Bryon. On Friday 9th February, children are invited to 'Dress to Express'. This day allows children and young people to celebrate what makes them unique with an incredibly fun dress-up day – this could be sharing their favourite hobby, such as skateboarding or dancing, or wearing their favourite colour or accessory. Or it could just be coming in as themselves. Express Yourself is about letting children's voice shine through and empowering them to tell their own stories!

This week in Phonics, we have been learning some new digraphs (**qu**, **ch** and **sh**), these are particularly tricky as they are two letters that make one sound and can be difficult to spot in words. Reading at home can help your child to practise recognising the sounds. We have also been practising spelling the tricky words **the** and **to**.

HouseKeeping

Just to remind you...

Children will only receive Golden Tickets if it is the Phonics bug books they have practised three times a week and parents/ carers have written in the reading diary. Children need to read the Class book 18 times over the half term. Golden Ticket celebration will be on Friday 9th February where we will be having a year group party in the hall to celebrate! We can't wait!

Library Books

Library Books have been swapped this week so please share this book with your child at home. Please could you have a search of your child's book shelves and return any library books that may be hiding, as the library is not as well stocked as it usually is.

PE Lessons

Please could we ask that PE Pumps are returned to school ready for PE Lessons.

PE Lessons are as follows:

Tuesday- Class 1

Thursday- Class 2

Friday- Class 3

Naming clothes

Please can we remind you to name all items of clothes that come into school, gloves, hats, PE jackets, jumpers, coats and cardigans- It would help us return things to the rightful owner.

Water bottles

Please can we remind you to send water bottles containing water in to school each day

Dates for your diary

Friday 9th February- Dress to Express day.

Thursday 8th February- Golden Ticket celebration day

Friday 9th February is also the last day of this half term. Children will finish at 3:25pm and will return to school on Monday 19th February.

Forest School

Forest School for Monday 5th February is Class 2

We will confirm details of Forest School for after half term on next week's newsletter.

Forest School Kit Information

**Please can you Make sure that all children have gloves and a warm layer in their forest school bag.
Please can you check that your child hasn't grown out of their forest school kit. The waterproof trousers need to be waterproof and fit over the wellies and to the bottom of the wellies.**

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. Please ensure children have hats and gloves.

Forest school sessions take place in the 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. Please also provide a plastic bag so that dirty clothes can be placed into them to save rucksacks etc getting muddy too. Thank you 😊