



# Reception Newsflash



**Friday 1st March 2024**

## Reception Weekly News

This week we have looked at the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. On Wednesday, we made the most delicious sandwiches, we talked about different filling options and linked this to our learning around what constitutes unhealthy and healthy food. We thought about what we would change if we were to make our sandwiches again, maybe extra salad etc. Thank you for all the photographs of special occasions that were sent in. It was lovely to see the differences and similarities in the way people celebrate a range of events. We were able to link this to our RE learning around how Christians and other faiths celebrate events at different times of year.

## Homework Challenges

This week we would like you to design and make a sandwich at home, spreading the butter, adding a filling, cutting in to two or four. I wonder what you will choose? Maybe you will make a healthy wrap or a baguette, or link it to the Butterfly bouquet story, with a range of healthy rainbow foods or maybe it will just be your favourite sandwich.

In preparation for World Book day- Please can you read an Eric Carle book, this could be one you have at home or maybe you could visit the local library. There are plenty of Eric Carle books to choose from including The Very Busy Spider, The Bad Tempered Ladybird and Slowly Slowly Said the Sloth, to name a few.



## World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

This year we are going to celebrate World Book Day with a Bug Ball. We would like our children to dress up as a bug e.g. a ladybird, worm, spider, busy bee, snail... you can be as creative as you like or it can be simply be all brown clothes for a worm or all bright colours for a butterfly. Please remember that your child will be busy outside at lunch time and throughout the day, so please only dress them in clothes that they will not get cold in, they can run in and you don't mind if it gets a little muddy! Please no superhero costumes on this occasion. This links to our new book and our work that we will be completing on Eric Carle. We will also be having some bug challenges during the day too.

## Snack Money

For those families who are paying snack money on a termly basis -Spring Term Snack money is now due. Please pop £10 in a named envelope and put in your child's book bag. Many thanks for your continued support.

## 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.**

**Please make sure you are reading the current reading book that has been uploaded onto Phonics Bug by your class teacher. These books will have the new sounds taught during the week. Please practise these new digraphs (two letters that make one sound) and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound)**

Children need to have read and recorded 18 reads before the end of term to win a Golden Ticket- we cannot believe how well children are doing.

### **Book bags and keyrings**

Could we are politely request that only one small key ring is put on book bags. Children are becoming distracted by the colourful selection of key rings on bags and in the unfortuante event where a key ring is lost or broken are becoming quite upset. Key rings are great for helping children identify their own book bag but children are now able to read their own names independently and therefore at this point in the year smaller ones are best. Thank you for your help with this.

### **Phonics Workshop**

There will be a Phonics Workshop on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March for Reception parents to attend. The Reception Team will be explaining all about phase 3 phonics including, what the new digraphs and trigraphs are, how you can best support at home including games and activites that you can play to make phonics fun, and what the next steps in your child's phonics journey will be. Workshops will be held in **Forefield Infant School Hall from 5.15- 6pm.**

### **Dates for your diary**

**Mufti Day-** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March- Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a chocolate donation

**World book day-** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024- Children to come to school dressed as a bug linked to our books My Butterfly bouquet and The Very Hungry Catterpillar- We cannot wait to see your creations, please no Superhero costumes on this occasion

**Easter Bingo-** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Doors open at 6pm.

**Parents Evening-** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

**Red Nose Day-** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Wear something red, prepare and tell a funny joke for a donation to Comic Relief

**Bug visit** - We will welcome Animals Takeover into Reception on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to investigate different bugs.

**Phonics Workshop-** Parents are all invited to attend the Phase 3 Phonics workshop on 18<sup>th</sup> March 5:15- 6:00pm

**Maths Workshop-** Parents are invited to attend a Math's Workshop to see how best to support your child at home in Math's on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 5:15- 6:00pm

### **Forest School**

**Forest School Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March Class 2**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March Class 3**

**Monday 18 th March Class 1**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March Class 2**

**Please can you make sure that all children have hats, 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 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.

**Forest school sessions take place in the afternoon** so please send children into school in just their PE kit (joggers - no shorts) not wearing their Forest School kit as they will get too warm. 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 😊