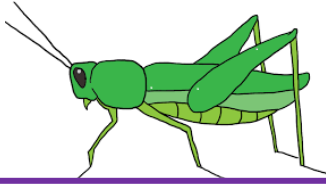


Reception Newsletter



Friday 15th September 2023

Welcome to the first Reception newsletter of the year! Weekly newsletters are emailed home every Friday, usually at the end of the day. The newsletter will hopefully give you a little insight into what the children have been learning in the week as well some information about the following week. We also use it to give helpful reminders or further details about school activities. So without further ado...

This week...

The Reception team have been extremely impressed with how well all the children have settled into school life so quickly. They have been coming in in the morning completely **independently** and been very happy about it too. They have learnt how to get started by putting their bags on their pegs, putting their water bottles in the tray and finding their named Butterfly or Grasshopper picture to put on the self-registration wall. In our daily carpet session, we have started to teach the children about our routines. They have become familiar with the visual timetable which helps them see what the day has to offer. We have learnt all about the reception bases and how **COOL (create our own learning)** time works. We have found out about the role of the **special helper** (x2 different children every day), learnt how to do a good hand wash and why this is so important, and have introduced our rolling snack area. The children will decide when to have their snack and milk. This is available throughout the day at the snack area. It is also a great 'social' place to sit and chat and make new friends. In our Cool time (Create Our Own Learning time) the children have been active and engaged in their own independent activities inside and outside, getting to know each other and meeting new friends. They have responded well to transitions in the classroom such as finishing activities, tidying up and coming together again on the carpet. Lunch times have also gone well. Thank you, Reception, for a great first week.

Next week

It'll be our first full time week as a Reception team. Be prepared for some tired children at the end of it! We will continue to teach the children all about routines and expectations. This will include creating a set of classroom promises that will make us happy and safe learners. We will also find out about our traffic lights system that supports our school behaviour policy and lots of rewards that we can earn and be proud of.

Things coming up

28th September – Individual school photos

Ideas for home

What has your child enjoyed about the first week full week of school?

Other bits:

- ❖ We still have some children who do not have a pair of wellies in school. Please send them in as we have a large water area and mud kitchen outside, and wellies are needed for this.
- ❖ Please ensure you have named **ALL** your child's clothes including **shoes**. When the children take shoes off to put wellies on, it can become a challenge knowing whose are whose? (especially the boys)
- ❖ Thank you for providing a bag of **named spare clothes**. There are many reasons why we need to use the spare clothes so if your child comes home having used their spares or indeed some of the school spare clothes, please could you ensure they are returned as soon as they are ready so we can replace them.

*** words in red are new **vocabulary** that we have taught the children. Use this vocabulary at home to support your child's language development***