

Reception News

This week we are reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We will be using all of our senses to explore different textures, smells and tastes this week which ties in really nicely with the start of hot lunches. The children coped brilliantly yesterday with having hot lunch for the first time. They all managed to choose their lunch and carry their trays to the table with no spillages. They even managed to sort their rubbish into food rubbish and general rubbish and clear their plates away. They all did a great job! Most of the children seemed to enjoy their lunch. We will let you know if they don't like what you chose for them and we always help them find some alternatives, so nobody goes hungry.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are learning s, a, t & p and will be practicing reading and writing simple words.

Literacy – we are writing in sand, sorting pictures by initial sounds and writing words using the sounds that we are learning this week such as 'as' and 'tap'. We are also practicing how to write our names.

Maths – we are learning about the number 2. We are looking at semi circles which have two sides – one straight side and one curved side that joins both ends of the straight side. We are also learning about pairs and will be counting in 2's and adding 2 to sets of objects.

Jigsaw – this week we are talking about how we're feeling about starting school. We're looking at what we like doing at school and what we might be finding more difficult.

Music – this week we are singing 'If You're Happy and You Know It'.

Other – we are reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', making maps of the journey, talking about our favourite things to do at school, thinking about which animals live in our school grounds and will be using all of our senses to explore our environment.

Reminders

- Bug Club – we will be sending letters home on Friday with details about Bug Club and usernames and passwords for all of the children. Please let us know if you have any problems logging on or if you don't receive your letter. Each week we will allocate games to practice the sounds that we have learned that week. Once children recognise the first eight sounds we will also allocate reading books. Children will also bring a reading book home on Thursdays which they are able to keep to read and re-read until the following Tuesday.
- Tapestry - we have had most permission slips back now and most of you should be set up and able to see photos of your children from home. Please let us know if you're not able to access Tapestry or if you have returned your slip but not had an email asking you to set up your username and password.
- Tea time – could we please ask that, if your child is not going to Tea Time Club, that you let us know as well as letting Tea Time Club know. We are not part of their WhatsApp group so do not see their messages. There has been a lot of confusion at home time which can be upsetting to the children and has caused delays with sending the rest of the class home.

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- Reception meeting – this Friday at 9.15. We will demonstrate how to access Bug Club and talk about our routines, how the children are settling into school and what you can do to support them at home.