

Reception News

Thank you to all of the parents who came to our welcome meeting last Friday. We hope you found it useful. If you were unable to come, the slides are now on our school website under our class pages. There is also useful information about phonics and Bug Club on our website: [Tylers Green First School - Reading with your child](#)

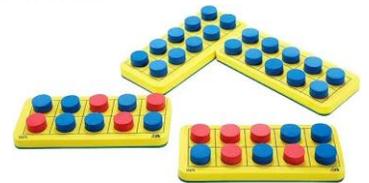
We are just over halfway through our first half term in Reception and the children have all settled really well. We have really enjoyed getting to know them all over the last few weeks. They all seem very settled and happy and are starting to become more independent, both in terms of their self-care and when selecting resources in school.

This week we are learning about homes. We are reading a story called 'In Every House, On Every Street' by Jess Hitchman. We are thinking about what sorts of things we do in our homes, what our homes look like and what our homes looked like a long time ago.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are learning i, n, m, d and will be practicing reading and writing simple words.

Maths – we are learning about the number 3. We are learning about triangles because they have 3 sides and 3 corners. We are also practicing counting to 3 and will be reading Goldilocks & The Three Bears, looking at different sizes of objects. This week we are introducing the children to tens frames. We use these a lot in Reception for counting, addition, subtraction and number bonds.



Jigsaw – this week we are talking about working together and thinking about other people's feelings.

Music – we are singing the action rhyme 'Here is a House'

Other – we are using Google Maps to look at the area around our school. We are also looking at old photos of the village, particularly the school and talking about what life was like for children then.

Reminders

- It's been lovely to see so many children have logged on to Bug Club to practice their sounds. If you haven't logged in yet, please do so. 10 minutes practice every day really helps the children to learn the sounds and be able to blend them to read. If you have any problems with Bug Club, please let us know. After this week we will be starting to check which sounds the children recognise on a weekly basis and will begin allocating books (and sending physical books home) once children recognise the first 8 sounds (satpinmd).
- Climbing frames – could you please remind your children that climbing frames are only to be used during the school day when a member of staff is available to supervise. We have noticed quite a few children using the climbing frames after school. We really don't want to have to come and tell them to get off but they do have plenty of opportunities to use the equipment during the day. Also, the gate will be closing promptly for the safety of after school and school club children.
- Uniform reminder – hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back for school. This is for safety reasons but also helps to limit the spread of head lice when we have outbreaks. Jewellery is not permitted in Reception. We are still seeing children coming to school wearing bracelets and earrings. Please remove these before the children come to school. If earrings cannot be removed they must be taped.