

Reception News

It seems hard to believe that it was only just over a month ago that the children joined us for the first time in Reception. They have all settled in really well, and we are loving getting to know them all. They have learned our routines very quickly and are all working hard, particularly during phonics and maths lessons. We have also been pleased to see that a lot of children are logging into Bug Club regularly at home to practice their sounds too, which really helps with sound recognition. Our topic for this half term is 'Let's Explore' and we have certainly done a lot of that. We've explored our school and, through maps, books and games, we've also explored other countries and even other planets. The children have had some great questions about our world, and we seem to have some very knowledgeable children too who enjoy sharing facts with the other children.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are learning g, o, c & k and the tricky words 'and' & 'to'.

Maths – we are learning about the number 4. As well as doing lots of physical activities outside where we practice counting 4, we are also focusing on shapes and measuring. We are going on a shape hunt around school to find shapes in our environment and have been using pumpkins to compare sizes.

Jigsaw – this week we are talking about gentle hands. We will learn strategies to help us when we get angry and will talk about what to do if someone is doing or saying something that we don't like.

Music – we are singing 'I've Got a Body, a Very Busy Body', learning what different parts of our body do.

Other – we are continuing to look at maps. We will read 'Martha Maps It Out' and will be using Google Maps to look at a map of the world and then zoom in gradually until we can see our school in Tylers Green. We will be looking at different types of maps and will have a go at making our own maps.

Reminders

- Reading folders – these will be sent home from this Thursday. All children will be given a printout of the sounds and tricky words that we have learned so far. Children who recognise all of these sounds will also be given a reading book. Reading folders and books are to be returned on the following Tuesday, so we have time to change books and add new sounds. Games will also be added to Bug Club each Friday to practice new sounds, and reading books will be allocated to children, depending on which sounds they recognise.
- Water bottles – could we please ask that water bottles are not put in book bags? We would hate for any of our reading books to be ruined by leaky water bottles.
- Conkers appeal – if anyone has a conker tree in their garden or passes one on the way to school, we would be very grateful for any donations. This week we wrote sounds on acorns, and the children had a lovely time hunting for them, making sure that they had all of the sounds that we've learned. Conkers are a little bit bigger, so they would be great for writing tricky words on. We also use conkers in maths for counting, sorting, and weighing.

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- Climbing frame reminder – please remember that children should not be using our climbing frames or any of our resources before or after school. These are only to be used when a member of staff is present to supervise.