

Reception News

This week we will be taking part in Bucks Early Years Communication Week. Our focus for the week will be on communication and language so we will be doing lots of activities to encourage the children to talk to each other, to adults in school and to you at home. We have two live online author events planned for the week, a live Poetry Basket event and have planned some activities with Little Oaks so we can begin to make friends with some of the children who will be in Reception next year. And, of course, we have lots of lovely parents coming in to read stories to the children throughout the week.

Communication and language is one of the prime areas of the Early Years curriculum and underpins everything that we do in Reception. With busy lives and an increase in technology, some children do not have the same experiences with communication and language as we may have had as children. It is, therefore a really important week for us. If you would like to find out more about Communication Week, take a look on the Bucks website: [Communication Week | Early Years](#). We have attached some cards to our email from the Bucks Early Years team with ideas for you to have a go at with your children to encourage chat at home.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are learning the digraphs ‘ur’ and ‘ow’ and the tricky word ‘you’.

Literacy – we will be listening to My Friend Billy Whiskers by David Litchfield and Are You a Sleepy Monster by Guilherme Karsten as well as a live reading of a Poetry Basket poem by Trisha Lee. We will also be writing about how to grow vegetables and will write short captions for the story ‘Jasper’s Beanstalk’.

Maths –we will be focusing on 3D shapes. We will be the names and properties of some shapes and will be looking at everyday objects such as cereal boxes and tubes to identify their shapes. We will also be building with 3D and investigating which ones will roll and why.

Jigsaw – our Jigsaw focus for this half term is ‘Healthy Living’. This week we are learning about healthy foods.

Music – we are continuing our Row Row Row Your Boat lessons on Sing Up, focusing on stepping and leaping notes. This week we will use percussion instruments to accompany the song.

PE – we are continuing to focus on balance and will be learning how to jump with our feet together, maintaining balance as we land.

Handwriting –this week we will learn about one-armed robot letters and will focus on r.

Other – we have lots planned for Communication Week and will also be continuing to learn about growing. We will be exploring different seeds, using them to sort, plant and even make musical instruments.

Reminders

- This Thursday is World Book Day. The children can come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book. Please remember that we will still be going outside at playtimes and in the afternoon, so children need to be wearing clothes that are warm enough. Also, could we please ask that children do not wear shoes with laces or buckles unless they are able to do them up themselves. Children will be given a book token on Thursday which can be exchanged for one of the World Book Day books at most supermarkets or book shops.
- Junk modelling – if anyone has any yoghurt pots or small boxes in their recycling bins, we would love them for making musical instruments this week.
- Lip balms – the weather is finally warming up so we probably don’t need these in school now. If you do send lip balms in, please make sure that the ingredients are on the lip balm (nothing containing nuts) and that your child’s name is on it.

- Medications – please do not send medications into school in children's book bags. This includes hand creams/emollients. If your child needs any medications, they must be handed to an adult, with the relevant paperwork which Mrs Turner can give you in the office.