

Reception News

We had a great time celebrating Communication Week last week. It was lovely to share the live author events with our Little Oaks friends and to have shared playtimes with them. Our current Reception children enjoyed introducing us to their friends and making some new friends. We had two live author events and a very popular Poetry Basket event where we learned the words and actions for lots of new rhymes. We also took part in the whole school World Book Day and loved seeing so many children dressed up as characters from their favourite books. Of course, the highlight(s) of the week were the story times with so many parent volunteers. Thank you to all of the parents who came in to read to the children – the children loved it. At the end of the week we joined Little Oaks for their Forest School in the woodland – what a great way to end the week!

This week we are back to our 'growing' theme and will be learning about fruits and vegetables.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are learning the digraph 'oi' and the tricky word 'you'.

Literacy – we are reading 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French and will be drawing and writing a plan for our own vegetable patch. We will also be re-reading 'The Extraordinary Gardener'

Focusing on key and ambitious vocabulary. We will then be looking at pictures of fruits and vegetables that are the wrong colour and will be writing sentences describing what is wrong with the picture.

Maths – we will be focusing on number 13. We will be using tens frames to add two single digit numbers together, estimating and counting objects and will be playing skittles and throwing beanbags into hoops to help our addition outside.

Jigsaw – we are continuing to learn about healthy bodies and that we need exercise, healthy food, water and plenty of sleep to keep us healthy.

Music – we will begin our 'Cuckoo Polka' lesson on Singup. We will be using our voices to imitate bird calls, listening to 'Cuckoo Polka' by Johann Strauss II and will be moving to Ralph Vaughan William's 'The Lark Ascending'.

PE – no PE this week due to maths meeting in the hall. There will be extra physical activities available throughout the week.

Handwriting – this week we will move on to Curly Caterpillar letters and will start with c and a.

Other – we are looking at the artwork of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, particularly his face pictures made with fruits and vegetables. We will also be exploring cooked and uncooked pasta, learning about sugary drinks and finding out what it means to 'eat the rainbow'.

Reminders

- The Travelling Book Fair will be in school all week. Please follow the signs and have a look.
- Bug Club games – by the end of this term, we will have taught all of the sounds that we learn in Reception. We then move on to Phase 4 of our phonics scheme which continues to practice all of those sounds and tricky words but with slightly longer words. Towards the end of phase 3 and moving into phase 4, there are less games on Bug Club. We know the children love playing games online to practice their phonics. If you've run out of Bug Club games or just fancy something different, these websites have some lovely games that the children will be familiar with as we play some in school. Some games are only available with a subscription. We play the free ones:
 - [PhonicsPlay - Resources](#) - we play the first 3 games on this website. You can select the sounds that you would like to focus on. Most children will be working at phase 3 level. If you're not sure, ask your child's teacher which phase to select.
 - <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-3>