w/b 21st September 2026

Reception News

We hope the children enjoyed their first whole week of school last week. We're sure they were all very tired by the end of the week as we are learning new rules, routines and getting to know each other. Yesterday was also the first day of hot school lunches. All of the children who had hot lunch 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. Of course, you are welcome to continue to send packed lunches if that's what you and your child would prefer or you can mix and match hot lunch and packed lunch.
Our topic for this half term is 'Let's Explore' which is great for exploring our environment and getting to know each other. This week we are reading 'My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes' by Eve Sutton. We will be using this book to introduce junk modelling and construction to the children, both inside and outside.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are continuing to focus on phase 1 phonics and will be learning about rhyming this week. We will move onto phase 2 next week and will begin to introduce sounds and tricky words.
Literacy – we are practicing how to write our names, and we are learning about rhyming using songs, rhymes and games to hear and continue rhyming strings.
Maths – we are learning about the number 1. We are looking at circles which have one side that goes all the way around. We are making circle people with one arm, one eye etc. We are also exploring our maths areas inside and outside to find different ways to represent the number one.
Jigsaw – this is our PSE scheme which helps the children to understand their emotions and learn how to regulate them. This week is an introduction to Jigsaw and an opportunity to get to know each other.
Music – this week we are singing a selection of nursery rhymes.
Other – we are using recycled materials to make homes for pets, using large boxes to make dens etc. and will be exploring our construction areas outside to build whatever our imaginations tell us to. We will also be exploring fantasy worlds and using our imagination there, we will be pretending to be explorers outside and will be building mazes – we have a very busy week planned!

Reminders

- Tapestry – you should all now be set up on Tapestry. If you haven't activated your account, please do so. We have been busy putting photos of your children on there so you can see what they get up to at school. If anyone has problems logging onto Tapestry, please let us know.
- Yellow letters – when children bump their heads or face at school, we will send a yellow slip home so you know what happened. This also has information about concussion signs to look out for. These injuries are usually not serious, i.e. the child bumped heads with another child or bumped their head on a tree. For more serious injuries, we will always call you and/or speak to you at home time. **Yellow slips are only sent home for head/face injuries.**
- Teatime – could we please ask if your child is not going to Teatime Club on a day when they usually would, that you let us know as well as letting Teatime Club know. We do not see messages that are sent to Tea-Time Club. There has been a lot of confusion at home time which can be upsetting to the children and can cause delays with sending the rest of the class home.
- Coats – please make sure that children have a coat in school every day. The mornings are quite chilly at the moment, particularly in the woodland.