



Reception Newsletter



Our learning next week...

In Phonics we will be learning...

- Sound: **S** (pronounced 'z' - e.g. pegs, hens, pens, beds, frogs)

We will also begin introducing digraphs (when two letters come together to make one sound):

- Sound: **qu** (pronounced 'k+w' - e.g. quack, quilt, squid quick, quiz)
- Next week, we will be reading and writing words and sentences containing these sounds.

In Maths we will be...

- Fewer than
- More than
- Equal and Unequal quantities
- Understanding that quantity is measured by amount rather than colour or size

Communication and Language

To develop the children's communication, language and vocabulary, each week we introduce two new words related to our topic. Next week our words of the week will be: **ocean digraph**

Please do discuss these at home with your child and encourage them to use them verbally in sentences.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Next week, we will be continuing to learn about how important it is to look after and brush our teeth. Here is a link to a printable tooth brushing chart for home:

[Aquafresh Schools Club Brushing Chart.pdf](#)

If you happen to be a Dentist or Dental Nurse and would be willing to come in and speak to the children about teeth hygiene, please contact your child's class teacher. Thank you!

Understanding the World

Our topic for this half term will be **Habitats**.

We will be learning about:

- Polar Regions
- Rainforest
- Grasslands and Safari
- Woodlands
- Under the Sea

Next week, we will be learning about

Under the Sea.

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Galilee to Jerusalem: I know that Jesus wants me to take care of myself and others.

We will be understanding the ways in which Jesus cares for all of us. We will be discussing how we can live each day like Jesus, looking after our friends and family by being kind and helpful.

Reminder: Number Day

On Friday 2nd February, we will be having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it. Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

To support the NSPCC, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child. Please pay your contribution via ScoPay.

NSPCC



Number
Day

Reminder: Reading Diaries

Every week, the children take part in Guided Reading with both their class teacher and LSA's.

To record the child's reading progress, could we please ask that you ensure the children's reading diaries are in school every day.

In the children's reading diary, we will record reading celebrations with a tick and any sounds/tricky words to practise will be recorded in a bubble.

For example:

✓ Excellent sounding out and blending.



Special Visitors from St George's College, Weybridge

On the final session with St Georges, which will be on the 14th March, all Reception staff and children are invited to go on a coach and attend a celebratory Mass at St George's College in Weybridge, where the Reception children will perform one of the songs they have learnt. At the Mass, we will be joined by the other local Catholic schools who share the partnership with St George's. The children will then be offered a snack and drink (provided by the College) and we will return to school by lunchtime.

In order for your child to attend the celebratory Mass, please ensure you provide consent on Arbor. If you are unable to log into Arbor, please contact the school office.

Important Dates for the Diary

Number day (dress up as a number) and Mid-Term reports released	Friday 2 nd February
Parents Evening (online)	Tuesday 6 th and Wednesday 7 th February
Inset Day	Friday 9 th February
Start of Spring 2	Monday 19 th February

Have a lovely weekend 😊