

# Reception Newsletter



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

The children have returned to school well-rested and raring to go for a new term. We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for our very kind gifts and Christmas cards. We were extremely overwhelmed!

## Updates to EYFS Team

We are delighted to share that we will be welcoming some new staff to the Early Years team:

### Sunshine Class

Miss Gullick – Class Teacher

Miss Rose – LSA (Monday – Friday)

Mrs D’Rozario – LSA (Monday – Thursday mornings)

Mrs Talukder – LSA (Monday – Friday afternoons)

### Rainbow Class

Miss Manners – Class Teacher

Mrs Dsilva – LSA (Monday – Friday)

Miss Lyon – LSA (Monday – Friday)

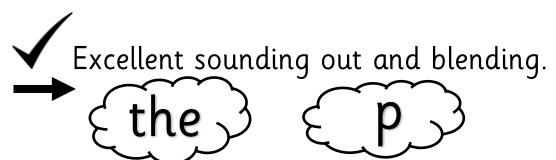
## Reading Diaries

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:



## Special Visitors from St George’s College, Weybridge

We are extremely excited to share that this year we will be continuing our collaboration with St George’s College in Weybridge. This is something that we have done for many years, and it has always been a wonderful experience. Every Thursday morning over the next eight weeks, Upper Sixth Form students will visit the Reception children to lead RE Learning, as part of their RE A Level course. All Reception staff will be present, and the Sixth Form students will be accompanied by a St George’s teacher. Each session will include singing, games and crafts. On the final session, 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.**

## Sunshine and Rainbow Bear

To support the children's communication, language, writing skills and confidence, this half term the children will have the opportunity to bring home Sunshine and Rainbow bear for the weekend! The bear will come home with one child every Friday and should be returned to school the following Monday.

The children will have the opportunity to draw a picture or write a sentence about something that they have done with the bear, this could be playing with their toys at home together, reading together or a visit to the park. We do not want this to be any pressure for you as parents so please do not worry about providing any extra special trips for the bear!

When the children return the bear to school on Monday, they will have the opportunity to share their adventures together with the class during Show and Tell.

We hope this will be a really exciting opportunity for the children to develop their confidence, communication and language skills and to show you how well they are doing with their writing!

If you have any questions, please let us know and thank you for your support.



# Our learning next week...

## In Phonics we will be learning...

- Sounds **w** and **x**
- Sorting **w** and **x** objects and letters
- Reading and writing CVC words containing the sounds **w** and **x** e.g. wet, fox.
- Writing simple sentences with a capital letter, finger space and full stop  
e.g. I can see a fox. The fox is wet.

## In Maths we will be...

- Exploring the purpose of counting.
- Cardinality – the last number in the count is how many things there are altogether.
- Discovering that each number has a value of 1 more than the previous number.
- Using representations of quantity and ordinal numbers.

## 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:

**Habitat**

**Polar**

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

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Can I put my coat on and zip/button it up independently?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O77acdYfsoU>

## 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 how water changes to ice when it is cold. We will be freeing some polar animals who are trapped in ice and learning how they keep themselves warm.

## RE

**Galilee to Jerusalem** – The Wisemen gave Jesus presents.

Have a lovely weekend! ☺