



Reception News

This week in Reception we have been learning all about the Gruffalo. We have talked about his appearance, used describing words and we have painted, collaged and used clay to make our own characters!

In maths we have been learning about addition and how to record this as a number sentence/ sum.

Next week we will be continuing our woodland theme by 'Going on a Bear Hunt'.

Please remember next week is a short week due to INSET days on Thursday/Friday

Caterpillar update—We have butterflies!!! They really like drinking the juice from segments of orange and are getting stronger every day! Hopefully they will be strong enough to be set free next week.

Challenges!

Reading & Phonics : Please read with your child 5x per week and record this in their reading record to enable them to be entered into a raffle to win new books for their classroom. Please remember to access BUGCLUB to develop phonics and reading skills. This can also be recorded in your child's reading record.

Bedtime story: Each Friday a member of the EYFS team will upload a bedtime story on Tapestry. Grab a blanket and a teddy and enjoy the story. This story time can also be recorded as a 'read' in your child's reading record.

Homework folders: Each week your child will come home with a homework folder with some worksheets to complete based on different themes and subjects. Please hand these in by Thursday each week for us to add to.

Weekly Routines

PE (Thursday) Please make sure your child has a **labelled PE kit** in school which can be kept on their peg and please remove all jewellery.

Reading books—Reading books will be changed weekly.

Library books—Library books will be changed every Friday. Please make sure your child returns their book each week in order to choose a new one .

Water bottles—Please make sure your child has a named water bottle with them in school every day as it is thirsty work in Reception!

Reception Certificates



Congratulations to all our certificate winners this week!

Super star writers: Elliot, Reggie, Franklin

Super star readers: Elsie, Noah, Sonny

Celebrating school values: Roman, Henry, Phoebe

The class with the most reads this weeks is....RKP!!



Nursery News

The children have been learning all about being on the farm this week whilst continuing to talk about Summer and what the season brings. They have been watching 'Tractor Ted' and looking at all the different jobs that take place on the farm as well as making their own paper tractors and paper plate chickens. They even had their photo taken whilst wearing their favourite farmyard animal mask and practiced their number recognition/formation skills and name writing.

The class butterflies also emerged from their chrysalis this week and have been flying around their butterfly house ready to be released next week! The children got to observe them and some were even named!

Have a lovely weekend.

Weekly tasks

Reading: Please continue to look at your child's book with them and record any conversations that you have together in their reading diary. This interaction will encourage and support your child with their communication. Books (and diaries) need to be returned every Friday in exchange for a new one.

Bedtime story: Each Friday a member of the EYFS team will upload a bedtime story on Tapestry. Grab a blanket and a teddy and enjoy the story.

Reminders and Unpredictable Weather

As the weather has turned colder, could we please ask that the children come fully dressed with coats, hats, scarves and boots where necessary (with school shoes in their bag ready to change in to). Water bottles are also required and we ask that they are filled with water only and are clearly named.

Certificates

Congratulations to all our certificate winners this week!

Bobby- 'for his number knowledge and number formation skills'

Kairie - 'for being more confident with her speech and always being kind to her friends'

NHS Speech drop in

Parents with nursery aged children are able to access speech, interaction and communication therapy through NHS drop in sessions at Great Oaks.

If you feel your child would benefit from additional speech support please contact Drop-in@nelft.co.uk for an appointment.

Communication for Early Years

Please make sure that you have signed up to all of the above to keep up to date with the latest school news.



Upcoming Dates

Parent coffee morning—Wednesday 24th May 9-10am
INSET days—25th & 26th May (school closed)
May half term—29th May—2nd June (school closed)
Return to school—5th June
Race for Life—Friday 9th June
Transition evening (starting reception) —Tuesday 20th June 4-5pm
Reception/KS1/KS2 Sports day—Friday 23rd June
Nursery sports day—Friday 7th July
Class swap day/ meet new teacher—Monday 10th July
Summer open evening —Monday 10th July
Last day—Friday 21st July

Reporting Absence for Early Years

Please report child absences by using the Willows PA Connect app .
The school must be informed EVERY school day that the child is absent.
Please ensure that you have reported your child's absence by 9.00am.

Parents Coffee Morning

Wednesday 24th May

9.00 -10.00 am



Katy Taylor, Healthy Family Support Practitioner will be here to explain the support **Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service** can offer our parents including healthy eating, emotional wellbeing, behaviour, parenting, wetting, sleep, growth, friendships, anger, advice and information.

Refreshments will be available and we look forward to seeing you then.

Uniform reminder

This is just a polite reminder that crocs are not part of our school uniform. They are unsafe for the children when playing in the garden on equipment and have caused a few accidents.

Many thanks.