



Reception News

This week we have been reading the story of 'Pirates Love Underpants' and making our own pirate disguises and treasure maps. We have also been sharing pirate coins to find out if certain amounts are odd/even.

Next week we will be continuing our work on pirates with a selection of theme texts.

We also have our visit from Gemma's Farm which we are all super excited about!

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!

Suncream & hats: As the weather heats up please make sure to apply sun cream before school and provide a hat for times in the garden.

Certificates

Foundation subject— Kyle, Olivia, Reggie

Super star reader— Bella, Rayaan, Roman

Super star writer— Scarlett, Phoebe, Layla

The class with the most readers this week is ...RKP!!



Nursery News

This week we have been looking and talking about the lifecycle of a strawberry and looking for the similarities between growing strawberries and growing our sunflowers. Lots of the children have been putting their sunflower photos from home on Tapestry and showing us how important it is to give our plants water and sunlight. The children played with a special strawberry messy play, practiced their number knowledge, practised their pincer grip whilst writing their names and created their own strawberry pictures using paint, fabric and glitter to represent the yellow seeds!

At the end of the week the children all got to celebrate a special sports activity day where all the parents and grandparents came to join in. The children learnt the importance of team work and put their patience and sharing skills to the test. It was great fun, and everyone was presented with a medal at the end!

Have a lovely weekend!

Weekly tasks

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

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Reminders and unpredictable weather

As the weather is now warmer could we please ask that the children come dressed appropriately, with a sun hat and sun-cream pre-applied. Water bottles are also required and we ask that they are filled with water only and are clearly named.

Certificates

Ava B - 'for showing good concentration during her focused task and recognising lots of numbers!'

Makaio-Jon - 'for trying super hard to control his emotions once in class and helping his teacher to call the register'

TLC

Talk, Listen, Cuddle

TLC is a great parent/ professionals page to follow on Facebook and is recommended by Essex County Council Early years professionals.

It has great information on early childhood development and speech, language, interactions and communication.

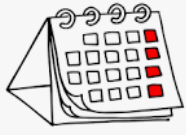
This summer it is also running a scheme to provide support and advice for children transitioning into reception classes in school.

✉ tlc@essex.gov.uk

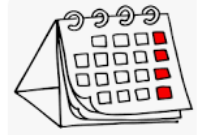
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Upcoming Dates



Pirate party day—Friday 21st July (info to follow on PAConnect)
Last day—Friday 21st July

Gemma's Farm visit

Please see the PA Connect App for more information about the Gemma's farm visit.

Farmer Gemma will be visiting us on Tuesday 11th July and bringing a selection of her animals with her.

The Gemma's farm visit is always an amazing up close , hands on experience for the children.

The cost of the visit is £4 per child (Pay through School money)



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.



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.