



Reception News

Another wonderful week in Reception we have been focussing on our blending and segmenting in phonics and in maths we have been working on our subitising skills. The children have impressed us greatly with their progress! We have had a fun week learning all about fireworks. We retold the story of Guy Fawkes through roleplay, made numbered rockets in order, explored different media and art processes to create firework pictures including flick painting and using cardboard tubes to print. We have also learned about the significance of Remembrance Day and why we mark it. The children completed a two minute silence very sensibly and we thought about how brave our soldiers were who fought in the war. We painted poppies, made poppies from playdough and used our scissor skills to make cut and stick poppies. We also had our first parents evening this week – it was so lovely being able to share how amazing the children are in school with you all :-)

Next week we are going to be learning all about Diwali (the festival of light) Diwali will be widely celebrated on Sunday 13th November so we will be spending our whole week next week learning about the traditions and customs surrounding the festival. We will be making our own Rangoli patterns, making Diya lamps, learning about the story of Rama and Sita and exploring mehndi hand patterns. It is set to be a very colourful and beautiful week of learning. If you celebrate Diwali at home please share some pictures with us and if you do celebrate it a very happy Diwali to you for Sunday! We are also going to be marking the start of anti-bullying week on Monday by wearing odd socks! Please send your child to school with odd socks on :-) Have a wonderful weekend!

Challenges!

Reading: Please read at home each night and record this in your child's reading record. Your child's reading book will be changed weekly. You can record any story that you read or share together at home.

Bedtime story: Please log on to Tapestry this eve and every Friday for a bedtime story read by one of our team for you and your child to enjoy together. This can be recorded as a 'read' in your child's reading record.

Phonics: Below is the Bug Club link to the sounds and actions we will be learning this term

<https://mediaplayer.pearsoncmg.com/assets/bcpafsp2>

Phonics video: Each week we will send home a phonics video for your child to watch and join in with at home recorded by one of the EYFS team.

Tapestry: Don't forget to add your adventures to tapestry—the children love sharing their photos on the big board and this really helps to support their speaking and listening skills.

Weekly Routines

PE will be outside on a Monday afternoon while the weather is dry. Please make sure all jewellery is removed.

Reading books—reading books will be changed weekly. Other books can be recorded in you child's reading record.

Library books—Our library circle time takes place each Friday. Please make sure your child returns their book each week in order to choose a new one .



Certificate winners

School value: Tobie, Sofiia, Dottie

Superstar reader: Freya , George, Jakub

Superstar writer: Emily, Finley, Olivia



Reading winners

The winning class this week are RTR!! With a total of 116 reads!

Well done for collectively achieving the most reads at home this week. Your class will be caring for our special reading bear this week as a reward :-)

Nursery news

We have been celebrating Remembrance Day in the Nursery this week and teaching the children all about the significance of the poppy. The children have been super creative painting observational pictures of real-life poppies, played with poppy themed playdough and messy play and also listened to the story of 'Ava's Poppy' which is a lovely story about a little girl who befriends a poppy in a field and makes it her job to protect it and look after it.

It's been a fun week as we've also been celebrating Diwali (the festival of light) and reading the story of 'Dipal's Diwali' which is about a little boy whose family celebrates the festival by taking part in their traditions and customs. The children have loved all of the bright colours and lights from the story and decorating their classroom with all of their colourful creations. Have a lovely weekend especially if you're celebrating Diwali with your friends and family.

Tapestry & Class Charts

Thank you to everyone who has already uploaded photos of their child and their news. It really is appreciated and helps with communication during carpet time. Please keep them coming! If you have yet to access either Tapestry and/or Class Charts, then please let one of the Nursery Team know.

Bottles/Welly boots

Please ensure that your child has a named drinks bottle that it is filled with water before coming to Nursery, plus a pair of named spare welly boots.

Dates for the diary

Reception parents eve 8th & 9th November (details to follow after half term)

NHS Speech drop in

If your child is under 5 years old and you have any concerns about your child's speech, language, communication or interaction skills please contact NELFT at Great Oaks for an appointment to support your child on the contact details below.

Email: drop-in@nelft.nhs.uk

Telephone: 0300 300 1544



Children's centres

We have a few children's centres local to us who are able to offer a great deal of support to families. They run lots of sessions and groups for different aged children as well as parents. Please check out time website below—there is a timetable of events available on this page.

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/hubs/northlands-park-family-hub/>



Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Reporting absences

Please make sure to report your child's absences each day that they are off using PA Connect.

This should be reported by 8.30am each day.