



Reception News

This week we have been reading the story of 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside'. We have been talking about things that we have heard and seen at the seaside and about the characters in the story. We particularly enjoyed making wanted posters for the cheeky robbers 'Hefty Hugh' and 'Lanky Len' using our describing words.

In maths we have been working on our additions skills both practically and written.

On Thursday we had an amazing visit from Gemma's Farm where we got to see and stroke so many different animals. We loved holding and feeding some of them too. This is always such a wonderful experience for the children.

Look out for pictures of the children's experiences on Tapestry.

Next week we will be starting our work on pirates in preparation for our Pirate Party on the final day. (19th)

Challenges!

Homework folders: Each Friday your child will come home with some homework sheets to support their learning.

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 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 video: Each week we will send home a phonics video for your child to watch and join in with at home recorded by our Phase Leader Mrs Templar.

Weekly Routines

PE is now OUTSIDE on a Thursday. Children should come to school in their PE kits with all jewellery removed.

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

Library books—Our library time takes place each 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.

Certificate winner

School value: Teo, Sofia, Jamie **Superstar reader:** Alessia, Elena, Finn **Superstar writer:** Jenson, Lily, Nura

Reading winners

Instead of class reader certificates, Reception children who read 5x a week at home now receive a special sticker from Miss Foster. Well done to everyone who won their reading sticker this week!

Nursery news

This week in nursery we have been learning all about the farm animals that we were hoping to see on Gemma's farm. We read stories and sang songs and created lots of lovely pictures and collages.

On Thursday the children loved their hands-on experience with Gemma's farm where they got to feed the goats, stroke the bunnies and the Guinea pigs and hold the chickens. It was lovely to get up close to the farm dog, the ponies, the sheep, the geese and the ferrets too. Everyone had an amazing time!

Our sound of the week has been 'o' and we have found lots of items beginning with 'o' in and around our class and garden.

Next week we will be working on the sound 'c'.

Keep sending in your lovely pictures on Tapestry—the children love to share them and Tapestry is used lots in reception too.

Have a lovely weekend!

Dates for the diary

Open Evening—Thursday 11th July

Nursery Sports & Craft Day—Friday 12th July

Children meet the teacher morning—Monday 15th July

Lat day of term—Friday 19th July

Reception Pirate Party—Friday 19th July (info on PA Connect)

Nursery end of year celebrations—Friday 19th July

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

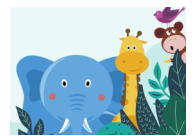


Talk, Listen, Cuddle—TLC

TLC is an Essex campaign helping parents, carers and families give their young children the best start to life, developing their communication skills through playful learning at home.

On the website there is information about milestones for different age groups, tips, activities and resources to use at home.

For more information visit: www.tlc-essex.info



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.

Additional advice and support available for parents

GOOD BEGINNINGS COURSE

Good beginnings is a 10 week course run for parents by Essex county council. It is aimed at parents of children who have Autism (ASD) and social communication needs and are aged 5 and under (no diagnosis necessary).

For further information and to book a place please visit the Essex SEND website at www.send.essex.gov.uk



BOSP TOTS

BOSP run groups for children and parents with additional needs or disabilities age 4 and under.

They currently run sessions at Wat Tyler country park (by the RSPB building) on a Tuesday from 10am-11am.

For more information check out the web address below:

<https://www.bosp.co.uk/community/bosp-brighter-opportunities-for-special-people-13333/news/new-baby-toddler-group-25543>

SNAP

SNAP is a charity based in Brentwood which offers advice and support for families with children with additional needs or disabilities.

They always have a great range of groups and events for children and siblings are welcome.

More information can be found at the web address

below:

<https://www.snapcharity.org/>

Useful numbers

Health visitor team: 0300 247 0013

Specialist health visitor team (for children with additional needs): 0300 300 1816 (Tues/ Thur 9.30-11.30)

Who can I speak to at school?

As well as your child's class teacher there are other people in Early Years who can support you with concerns about your child.

Mrs S Templar—EYFS Phase leader (curriculum/ behaviour/ class worries)

Contact details: admin@willows.essex.sch.uk (please mark FOA Mrs Templar)

Mrs K Rumball—EYFS SENDCO (support and advice for children with any additional needs or disabilities)

Contact details: sendmailbox@willows.essex.sch.uk

Mrs T Clay—Sensory Nurture lead/ Autism Champion

Contact details: tracey.clay@willows.essex.sch.uk

Mrs J Smith— Family support worker/ Parent liaison/ Senior mental health lead/ Antbullying ambassador

Contact details: 01268 470880 Ext.208 Email: jacqui.smith@willows.essex.sch.uk

Additional services in our area

Northlands hub offers these services and many more

- 0-19 Service (25 years old for SEND)
- Health Visitors
- School Nurses
- Healthy Family Support Practitioners
- Hub Practitioners
- Family Wellbeing Nurses
- Healthy Family Support Practitioners plus 5
- Hub Administrator
- Early Intervention Coordinator
- Community space for families
- Recycling of clothes
- Antenatal 1-1 & Perinatal Infant Feeding workshop
- New Birth Visit
- 6-8 week contact
- One Year old check
- Two Year old check
- MESCH
- Breastfeeding support/group
- SEND Stay Play and Learn
- Targeted intervention to support development
- Healthy Family Drop in session
- Behaviour support
- Universal & universal plus support
- Community Play Sessions
- Self regulation & friendship sessions for School Age children
- School Nurse contact within Schools
- School Nurse drop in sessions for teenagers and primary age



Peer support from AUTISM CENTRAL

Autism Central Peer Educator Programme



Information and guidance on a range of topics related to Autism – written in friendly, accessible language.



Weekly online groups for parents/carers on a range of themes and drop-ins.



1:1 calls on the phone or on MS Teams – a chance to talk through situations in more depth.



You can book Peer Educators to come to your parent events/coffee mornings to chat to parents/carers.

This is a free, all age service which does not require a diagnosis.