



## Reception News

It's been all about Owl Babies this week in Reception and in drawing club this week we have been exposing children to a higher level of vocabulary based on the story with the words owl, perched, deciduous, talons, wise, and nocturnal. We have been creating owls from cardboard tubes, playdough, sponge painting and collaging. In phonics this week, we have been using the sounds we have already learnt to practise reading cvc words .

We have explored the lifecycle of an oak tree and learnt all about hedgehogs in our understanding of the world. In maths we have been making repeating patterns and looking at 2D shapes.

Simone Biles has been our focus for Black History month and children have been in awe of her skills and talent.

Another reminder is necessary to ask you to please avoid walking through the gates in Reception where the Year 1 teachers are handing over their classes . Instead you may go onto the Key Stage 1 playground via the Reception gates closest to the main gate where no children are being handed over to parents. Thank you.

### 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 evening 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 inside on Thursday afternoons, please send your child to school in their PE kit. Please remove earrings unless they have a flat back . No tape is allowed on earrings without a flat back..

### Certificate winners



Reading—Elsie-Leigh K, Billy B, Finley O

Writing— Vincent C, Ruby H, Tasfi R

Value - Victoria D, Lilly KC, Darius S



## Nursery news

It's been another fun filled Autumnal week in Nursery this week. Reading books will be going out week so please check your child's bag. We look forward to you sharing your child's news on Tapestry so keep on sending us photos to share in class.

### Tapestry & Class Charts

If you have yet to access either Tapestry and/or Class Charts, then please let one of the Nursery Team know. Tapestry links have been sent to the email address you provide when you returned the letter.

### 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

1st—31st October – Black History Month

### 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](mailto:drop-in@nelft.nhs.uk)

Telephone: 0300 300 1544



### Childrens 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.