



Reception News

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all!

The children have had a wonderful first week back this week and kick started our 'When I grow up' topic by learning about the different job roles within our School and what everybody does to help the children. We have drawn pictures and written sentences about the different people in our school, including Mr Robinson our headteacher, the dinner ladies, the office staff and our maintenance team. The children also used oil pastels to draw a picture of their chosen adult in our school.

In History we have looked at how we grow and what we learn in the different stages of our lives. We explored baby pictures of the children and enjoyed playing 'Guess the baby'. We ordered the different stages of a human lifecycle and had lots of fun exploring colour mixing in Science using milk, food colouring and washing up liquid. In Maths this week we have continued our mastery of numbers by focussing on 6, 7 and 8. The children were also very excited about starting their Phase 3 phonics learning! New phonics videos will be shared this Friday, covering our new sounds.

Next week we will be learning about the NHS with a focus on Doctors and Nurses. We have lots of fun activities planned!

Have a wonderful weekend,

The Reception Team

Resource Request

Please send in your recycling. We need kitchen roll tubes, cardboard boxes, clean yoghurt pots and other recyclables for junk modelling. We will be making emergency vehicles over the next couple of weeks.

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 video: New videos will be uploaded featuring our phase 3 sounds!

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.

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 .

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!



Certificate winners

Reading — Ruby-Rose E, Rafferty F, Leo W

Writing — Phoebe P, Harley D, Kody T

Value — Leon S, Kyrie H, George D



Nursery news

Welcome back!

We have had a lovely first week back at Nursery. The children have settled back into the Nursery routine and have been enjoying our new topic "Hello Winter". We have also started phase 2 phonics, with the children exploring the sounds 's' and 'a'. Please encourage your child to look for objects at home that begin with these sounds and share photos to Tapestry.

Coats & Water bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a labelled, weather appropriate coat to school with them every day, as we love to spend time in the Nursery garden and it is getting very cold. **Could children also bring a filled, labelled water bottle each day too.**

Dates for the diary

22/01/25– Dentist visit for Reception

29/01/25– Chinese New Year

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.