



Reception News

Dear parents and carers,

The children have had a wonderful week this week learning all about Doctors and Nurses. A few highlights from the week have to be the cotton bud skeletons the children made in Art and our study on Florence Nightingale in History. The children enjoyed learning all about Florence, drew pictures of her and created their own lanterns as Florence's nickname was 'The lady With The Lamp'. In other activities the children have dressed up in our Doctor's Surgery role play area and have used their phonics skills to label the human body. We spoke about all of the equipment a Doctor or Nurse needs to help people and the children used their cutting skills to make their own Doctor's bags. In drawing club this week we focused on the story of 'Zog and the Flying Doctors' and we have seen some incredible writing. Next week we are looking forward to a week of learning based on Dentists. The Dentist team from the Smile Dental Surgery are even coming in to visit the children, to talk about the importance of brushing their teeth.

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 — Gracie F, Sarah I, Annabelle V

Writing – Eleeza A, Letty-Jae W, Lorrissa-Rain J

Value — Kaleb L, Billy A-B, Ella-Rose S



Nursery news

It has been another super week at Nursery! The children are enjoying learning new sounds each week in phonics, this weeks sounds were T and P. Please encourage your child to point out anything at home the starts with these sounds, don't forget to add a photo to Tapestry! We love to see all the wonderful home learning. We have been reading the story 'Lost and Found' and it has been wonderful to see the children using their imagination to use boxes and material to create boats to sail to the South Pole. Next week we will be reading the story 'The Snow Thief' Have a wonderful weekend!

Coats and 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.