



Reception News

Dear parents and carers,

Children in all classes have all settled fabulously back into the school routines and are now focused on their phase 3 phonics.

Our 'When I grow up' topic has been all about dentists this week, with a visit from a real dentist teaching the children how to brush their teeth and eat healthily. For our understanding of the world this week, we have looked at the teeth of different animals and their herbivore and carnivore diets.

Please ensure your children come to school daily wearing uniform colours, including PE day. Thankyou.

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 your 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 — David D, Jazmyn R, Tasfi R

Writing — Oliver T, Joseph L A, Amelia B

Value — Ella B, Rosalyn H, Theo F D



Nursery news

This week in Nursery we have continued the winter theme, reading the story 'The Snow Thief'. The children have been thinking about what clothing we need to wear in winter and discussed how the Squirrel felt seeing snow for the very first time!

In phonics we have focused on the sounds 'l' and 'n' and have seen some fantastic letter formation. Next weeks sounds are 'm' and 'd', please encourage your child to look for items that start with these sounds, don't forget to share a photo to Tapestry!

Reminders

Please remember to fill in your child's reading record when they have read at home, we are aiming for 5 times a week. Please ensure reading books and records are in book bags everyday so we can change them.

Library day is on a Thursday, P.E day is on a Friday. Please send your child to school in their P.E tracksuit and trainers with earrings removed.

Dates for the diary

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.