



Reception News

This week we have been learning all about Diwali. We have been learning about Rangoli patterns, Mehndi, Henna and many other traditions around Diwali. We have also made some Diva lamps from clay, the children really enjoyed this activity and adding all the sparkles and gems to them.

In maths we have been looking at numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been thinking about using our numbers in stories, such as; "Three horses were in the field, one horse went to find some fresh grass, how many horses were left?"

As it is black history month we have been learning about some influential people during our afternoon sessions. Elizabeth Anionwa, Lorraine Pascale, Lubaina Himid and Maresia-Liburd.

It has been a wonderful first half term in Reception for all children. We really hope you have a wonderful, restful break.

Challenges!

Reading: Please read at home each night with your child, this can then be recorded 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: Every Friday a recorded bedtime story will be published on Tapestry, 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: 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 Monday afternoons - please send your child to school in their PE kit every Monday.

Reading books—Reading books will be changed weekly. Reading books and diaries should be brought into school everyday. Other books can be recorded in your child's reading record.

Library books—Our library sessions take 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

Our certificates this week are awarded to:

RR— Ezra, William, Mark

RC— Mohammad, Alex, Benicio

RP— Oscar, Albert, Erin



Nursery News

It has been a lovely end to the half term in Nursery. This week we have been learning about the Hindu festival, Diwali. The children enjoyed learning the story behind Diwali and how Diwali is celebrated. The children enjoyed making Rangoli patterns with chalk and pasta and making beautiful Diva lamps from salt dough.

We also read the story "Room On The Broom" the children enjoyed making potions in the water tray, exploring gloop and making magic wands!

In maths we have begun to explore patterns, looking at how to make a pattern we need to repeat an action or picture. The children were very good at clapping out a rhythm and noticing that we repeated the claps. We looked at what might come next in a pattern using 2 colours. Please encourage your children to look for patterns at home or when you are out and about.

In phonics we have been exploring the story "A Wet Walk". The children are very good at thinking about the sounds they might hear if they went for a walk in the park, such as the leaves crunching and the splash as they jump in puddles.

Each child will be bringing a reading book and record home. Their reading record contains a Bug Club login for you to access books at home. Please fill in your child's reading log each time you read with them at home.

After half term we will be starting P.E, this will be on a Friday each week. Please send your child to school dressed for P.E.

Please add any half term news to Tapestry for us to share when the children return on the 4th November.

We hope you all have a fantastic half term,

The Nursery Team.



Develop an understanding of emotional expression and how to manage big emotions in young people.

Dates: 30/10/25 19:00-21:00, 25/11/25 13:00 - 15:00
more dates available online



Dates for the diary

24th October— Last Day of Term

4th November— Back to School

10th November— Anti-Bullying Week

10th November— Odd Sock Day

11th November— Armistice Day

November 12th and 13th—Autumn Open Evening

13th November— Kindness Day

November 14th—Children in Need Day

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.

If your child has an appointment to attend please add this to the PA Connect app, along with supporting evidence.

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 the website below—there is a timetable of events available on this page.

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/hubs/northlands-park-family-hub/>