



Reception News

This week, we have been focusing on the story of The Gruffalo. We have been exploring the different animals in the story, thinking about their roles and how they may have felt. We have also been acting out the story and deciding which characters were seen first, next and last.

This week in maths, we have been grouping objects by odd and even numbers. We have been looking at how we can share objects fairly. We have used lots of resources this week to create groups.

We had an amazing time at our science engineering workshop. We had a brilliant time designing and making things using Lego and other manipulative materials. We had fun designing bridges, stations and train sets. We also spoke about spatial awareness.

We hope you have a wonderful half-term break.

Weekly Challenges!

Reading: We are looking for all children to be reading at least 5 times at home. This can be a few pages of their reading book. Please ensure each time your child has read at home, **it is recorded in their reading diary**.

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. Please complete the activities and share your work on Tapestry.

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 outside on Monday afternoons: Please send your child to school in their PE kit every Monday school.

Reading books—Reading books will be changed weekly. Reading books and diaries should be bought into school every day. Other books can be recorded in you child's reading record.

Library books—Our library slot has now changed to a Monday. Please ensure you have your library book in school on a Monday to be changed.

Water bottles— Please ensure your child has a water bottle, which has been filled each day.

Summer Items— Please ensure children have a hat to wear in school and have had sun cream has been applied before school.

Certificate Winners

Our certificates this week are awarded to:

RR– Leighton, Arthur, Tim

RC– Ariana, David, Zara

RP– Sadie, Florence, Kamdi



Nursery News

This week we have been reading the story "Farmer Duck" the children were very good at repeating parts of the story as we read it.

We talked about the farmer being unkind and how all the animals worked together to help the duck look after the farm.

The children have enjoyed using the construction to build farm houses and stables for all the farm animals to live in.

We have also been practising name writing, we are very impressed with how well the children are forming the letters of their names.

In phonics we have continued to recap phase 2, this week we focused on the sounds R, H and B. The children were very good at thinking of words with these sounds in and have practised forming the letters.

In math's the children have wowed us with their fantastic ability to match numerals to quantity. The children were able to add the correct number of farm animals to a given number by counting one animal at a time.

Reminders

Library day is a Thursday, please can all children bring their library book to school on this day ready to change. Please can reading records and reading books be in bags every day. Please remember to record each time your child reads at home this can include the bedtime story on Tapestry. We aim for children to read 5 times a week at home.

P.E day is a Friday. Please can all children come to school dressed in their P.E kits with earrings removed. Please can we have trainers or plimsols on this day, no boots.

Please remember to upload any achievements and weekend news to Tapestry, the children love to share their news with their friends and we love to celebrate it with them.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and enjoy the sunshine.

The Nursery Team.

Talking At Home Activity

Can you name all the days of the week?

What time of the day do you have breakfast, lunch, dinner?

What is the world record for the tallest giraffe?

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.

Dates for the Diary

2nd June– Back to School

5th June– Race For Life

19th June– Sports Day



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/>

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

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Have a wonderful half-term, we look forward to seeing you back at school
on Tuesday 2nd June.