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Reception News

The children are settling into the routines in Reception so well! We have formally begun our phonics teaching now, a big thank you for those of you who attended the phonics meeting on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend please don't worry we have sent out all the information missed and if you want any further help please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Templar.

This half term we are learning all about 'Bright Beginnings' – starting in a new school, following the routines and embracing all challenges. The children have been telling us about themselves, their families, painting the most beautiful self-portraits and have been doing so well completing the baseline assessments. In maths we have been exploring categorising, sorting and matching; so if you get all of your odd socks together over the weekend the children will be experts in sorting them into pairs! In music we have been learning the name song – ask your children to sing you some of it and exploring how different pieces of music make us feel. In science this week we have looked at how germs spread using glitter and have focussed on the importance of washing our hands.

As this half term is all about building our bonds with the children and supporting them to settle in we are taking our learning slower and really focussing on the foundations. However, what we can be certain of is how amazing the children are doing at settling. The odd wobbles in the morning and tears every now and then is perfectly normal.

Challenges!

Please read at home 5 times or more a week! Please record this in your child's reading diary. This can be a mixture of your child's library book, reading books from home and their phonics books. If you read their library book with them, their phonics book and a book from home you would already have 3 reads each week.

Weekly Routines

PE is on a Friday Afternoon, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit every Friday.

Library Books – will be changed every Friday with your child so please ensure they are in school

Water Bottles – Please make sure your child comes to school with a filled water bottle every day.

Labels- Please label all clothing but especially jumpers and cardigans they are very hard to reunite if not labelled!

Certificate Winners for the last two weeks as no newsletter last week

Phonics star of the week- Aiden A, Nellie M, Tyler G-O, Shainie S, Elsie G, Arabella A

Writer of the week- Sienna B, Nevaeh M, Roman T, Jack M, Nkem A,

Walif M

Pupil of the week- Mark M, Evie C, Sofia T, Aria W,

Albie S, Noah M



Nursery News

We have had a lovely start to Nursery. The children have settled in well and are quickly getting used to the Nursery routine. It has been wonderful to see the children building up new friendships.

We have been reading stories such as “Elmer” and “A Little Bit Brave” and have spoken about how the children have all been very brave when they come to Nursery each day.

We have begun our phase one phonics. We have been on sound walks outside, the children were super at listening for sounds in the environment and talking about what they could hear.

In maths we have been exploring comparing groups of objects, the children are beginning to recognise when a group has more or less than another and enjoyed collecting objects to create their own groups.

We have spent lots of time exploring the Nursery gardens, the children have very much enjoy using the mud kitchen, digging in the stones and using the musical instruments.

Please remember to clearly label all of the children's belongings, especially their coats and jumpers.

Please upload any weekend news to Tapestry, it will be lovely for the children to share what they have been doing at home with their friends

We hope you have a lovely weekend, The Nursery Team.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd November- School closed for INSET Day

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November- Autumn parents evenings

Friday 20th November- Children in Need dress up day.

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.

If your child has an appointment please upload this to the PA Connect App.