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Reception News

We have had a wonderful week in Reception this week, finished off beautifully with the 10th Year Anniversary of our Academy Trust. We had a wonderful time celebrating! We learned the story of Elmer The Elephant this week and in Art we looked at the famous artist Wassily Kadinsky and his painting of 'circles'. Shapes enclosed in a square. We recreated our own versions of this with an Elmer twist!

In phonics this week we learned our next set of phonemes and the tricky word 'is'. We now know 's a t p i n m d g o c k' and have been forming these letters so well!

In Maths we have been exploring size and measures, comparing the sizes of objects, the length and the weight too. We had a great time exploring weighing scales to support this and measured lots of objects in our classroom.

Our Reception borrow library has arrived and has been set up now, it is located just outside the Reception gates! Please help yourself to books from our library and donate any you have laying around at home. We want everyone to benefit from the library.

Have a wonderful weekend! The Reception Team.

Challenges!

Can you go on a sound hunt around your house? Can you find items that begin with the letter 's' this week?

Maths challenge- Can you match numeral to quantity using Autumn objects? E.g Can you find 1 pinecone? 2 leaves? 3 sticks, 4 conkers and 5 acorns?

Remember we will post a phonics video with challenges every week too!

Weekly Routines

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

Reading Books – Will be changed weekly with your child's teacher/LSA (we count reads every Thursday)

Library Books - Will be changed weekly

Certificate Winners



Phonics Star: Mary Ann H, Amelia T-L, Leia M

Star Writer: Jack B, Frank O, Cian V-F

Pupil of the week: M'leiyah M, Michael H, Michael S



Nursery news

It has been another fun filled week at Nursery. After reading the story Super Duper You, the children thought about the things they are good at such as swimming, colouring or running very fast and how these things make them different from each other but make them super duper too!

In Phonics we have continued to explore environmental sounds, listening for sounds in our surroundings and thinking about if they are loud sounds or quite sounds. Please continue to encourage this at home too.

In Maths we have continued to group objects and explore making groups of different objects using language such as more and less to describe the size of the group.

The children have all been very excited to bring home their first reading book and reading record. Please record each time you read with your child at home in the reading record. Please can these be in your child's bag every day. Books will be changed weekly.

Please remember to log on to Tapestry and see the wonderful photos showing what your child has been doing at Nursery each week and share any weekend news photos on there too.

We hope you all have a wonderful 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.