

Reception News

We have had a very busy first week back in school. The children have learnt lots about different people who help us and have enjoyed having visitors in school.

On Monday two Police Officers came and talked to the children about their jobs and how they help to keep people safe. Some children tried on parts of uniform and then we all practised making emergency calls. Please help your child learn their address, just in case they ever have to make an emergency call.

On Tuesday, the local vets visited and the children learned about the importance of caring for animals and what animals need. They listened to heart beats, looked at x-rays and put bandages on their own cuddly toy.

On Thursday, a Dentist visited and talked to the children about how to take care of their teeth, which foods are good for your teeth and those that are not. They used giant teeth to practise brushing and then asked questions about his job.

The children have since had lots of fun and continued their learning of people who help us in our emergency fire/police/ambulance emergency call centre, vets and dentist role play areas.

Next week

We start our new topic next week, 'Can you read me a story?' and we have lots of exciting events happening in school.

On Tuesday 28th February the children will learn about Pancake Day and all have the opportunity to taste a pancake.

After school, 4:30 – 5:15pm, children and their parents are invited into school for a bedtime read. There will also be a book swapping event where children across the school can bring in a book they have read and swap it for another one.

On Thursday 2nd March it is World Book Day and children can dress as their favourite book character. You are invited into school from 8:50 – 9:10 to share and read stories with your child(ren).

We will have lots of book themed activities for the children to enjoy and all Reception staff will run mini-workshops for Reception and Nursery children throughout the day.

Events

On Wednesday 8th March, we are planning a school Beat the Street BIG walk. Further information will be sent home next week.

Later in the term, Reception children will have an assembly to share their learning with parents and the school. This will be an opportunity for them to speak and sing in front of an audience and to celebrate their learning. The date for the assembly is Thursday 23rd March 9:10 – 9:45.

On Thursday 30th March, Reception children will visit the local care home for an Easter egg hunt - one class in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Please look out for a letter in a couple of weeks asking for help walking there and back.

Reminders

Just to remind you that PE and Library have moved to a Friday this half term. Please make sure children have named indoor PE kits and their library book is in their book bags.

Sharing will now be on a Thursday. Please encourage children to bring some learning from home, a photograph, book or toy linked to the topic. Lots of children do share and this really develops their confidence and self-esteem. Those that do not have anything to share could talk about something they have done, a visit or what they will be doing at the weekend. The new topic is all about stories, characters and settings so children can bring a named book to share.

Some children are not bringing their book bags or reading records, please can these be in school every day so the children can change their books, the children can collect stickers from home for reading and the adults can write in the record when they read.

Medical

As the children are becoming more independent and are used to the routines of school, we will now be putting medical notes in the children's book bags. If they have had a bump, cut or scrape we will still send a note home to inform yourselves and will, of course ring a parent if the bump is more serious.

Reading

We have started individual reads with the children so we can check their book band colours and give the children some personalised reading coaching. Once all children have been read with individually, we will read in small guided groups again and focus on comprehension, predicting and learning text structures. Four mornings a week the children are in Read, Write Inc. groups where they learn new sounds, how to blend and write and read texts at their level. On a Friday the children have class phonics lesson and early morning work is now focused on reading and writing activities appropriate for Reception children.

Thank you once again for all of your continuing support.

Mrs Pace