

This week in Reception

This week we celebrated World Water Day and World Poetry Day. The children loved having a go at writing their own acrostic poems, using the letters of their own and their friends' names. They also practised rhyming, enjoying rhyming stories and thinking of rhyming words. World Water Day gave us plenty of opportunities to talk about the significance of water around the world, where it comes from and the importance of preserving this. The children were excited to share their knowledge about bodies of water, marine life and how they use water in their homes.

Phonics:

This week we focused on words ending in -ing (such as waiting, looking, fighting and farming). We reviewed the tricky words **he, we, me, be, was, you, they** and **all**. We also began looking at compound words like farmyard, rooftop and popcorn.

Number:

This week we introduced the concept of doubling numbers. The children learnt about this in a range of ways including using the 'doubling machine', representing doubles with fingers and being active by playing jumping and marching games.

Reading:

The children read three times with their groups this week as usual. We are so pleased with the progress they are making and we hope that you are also seeing this at home!

Parents Meetings:

Following a discussion within the team, we feel it would work better to host the parents' meetings the week after your child has been a focus. This is because we will have had a whole week to observe your child and some time to collate our notes and observations before the meeting. Therefore, if your child is one of the three focus children (Child of the Week, Class Pet Carer, Special Helper) we ask that you speak to the class teacher or TA at the door, or via email, to organise a meeting on the **Monday** or **Tuesday** of the following week (Bethan is unable to do every Tuesday due to another commitment, so please speak with her directly if you are unable to book a meeting for Monday). If neither of these days work for you, please speak to the class teacher as they may be able to organise a phone call or accommodate a meeting on a different day.

Once you have had your second parent meeting, we will discontinue these regular meetings and do the same as the older classes. This will be a parent/carer drop-in during the second half of the summer term. That being said, should you ever wish to discuss something specific about your child, you are always welcome to schedule an ad-hoc meeting with your class teacher. Please do so by speaking to them at the door or emailing info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk and marking it for the attention of the teacher within the subject line.

International Week (wb 27/3/23): Our focus next week will be on learning about and celebrating the diverse cultural heritage of our school community. As a year group, we have been allocated **Brazil** as our focus country, which the children are already keen to learn more about. We will explore this throughout the week in Reception through a range of different activities but are also excited to give all the children space to share their own experiences, languages and cultures.

On Thursday 30th March the whole school will be having a special International Day, in which children are encouraged to come to school wearing traditional dress or dress in the colours of a flag that means something to them.

If any of you would like to share your own culture with the children in Reception, we would love to have you in school you during the week. Parent visitors have a huge impact on the children's learning and they are always very keen to welcome people into their classrooms. If you are interested in coming in, please speak with your child's class teacher ASAP.

Early Years Garden Party:

As Spring arrives, we turn our thoughts to the Early Years Garden Party.

Save the Date: 13th May 11.30-2.30pm

This is an annual event that raises vital funds and supports the running of the beach trip, planned for July 5th.

To make the event a success we really need your help. This help takes many forms, as briefly listed below:

Set up from 9.30am, clear up until 4pm

Volunteer your time by signing up next to an activity of your choice for a 1 hr slot or help with set up or clear up.

Donate anything giftable, as new, to the main tombola (bins will be placed at year 1 and Reception entrances after Easter). This can include bottles.

Donate a pre-loved, excellent condition soft toy for the 'Find a Friend' stall.

Bake cakes with attached lists of ingredients for the very popular café.

Donate to your class raffle which has a specific colour (see list below). Please take directly to your child's class and place in box outside/inside the door.

Colour for items in the hamper	class
Black and white	Tigers
Red and pink	Bears
Sparkly and metallic	Lions

All lists for volunteering will be up as soon as we return from the Easter holidays, if not before. Please look out for them as you drop off and collect. Thank you

The Reception Team

