

This week in Reception

It's been another exciting week in Reception as we have been busy preparing for our upcoming performance of 'The Little Red Hen'. The children have been practising retelling the story, singing songs, and making props to bring the story to life. We have also been creating our own story maps of the 'Little Red Hen' tale, helping us to explore the plot and characters.

In addition to our focus on 'The Little Red Hen', we have been celebrating Earth Day this week. We discussed the different ways we can look after the planet and learnt about the importance of recycling by making things using junk modelling. The children came up with some fantastic ideas for how we can all do our part to help protect the environment.

Phonics:

In phonics, we have been focusing on longer words which include double letters such as hammer, rubber and rabbit. We've also been practising the tricky words full, push, and, go and no. The children have been doing an excellent job with their phonics and are making great progress.

Maths

This week in maths we were focusing on subitising (recognising quantity by sight). The children explored this by subitising and making their own patterns of 6 and used their knowledge of doubles to help them subitise numbers up to 10. We also practised counting things that can not be seen such as the beat of a drum and the sound of objects dropping into a bucket.

Next Week:

Next week we will be learning all about the King's Coronation. We will be making crowns, flags, and sceptres in preparation for the big day and learning all about the history of the Coronation. We are excited to explore this topic and see where our learning takes us.

Reminders:

Little Red Hen performance:

Each performance will take place in your child's classroom and will last around 15 minutes. It will include a retelling of 'The Little Red Hen' and some of the children's favourite songs. Please enter school via the Elsinore Road gate, which will be staffed from 2.50 – 3pm. You are welcome to take your child home at the end of the performance if this would be convenient for you.

- **Wednesday 3rd May at 3pm – Tigers performance**

- **Thursday 4th May at 3pm – Bears performance**
- **Friday 5th May at 3pm – Lions performance**

Early Years Garden Party

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your amazing posters which will be put up on Tuesday!
Sticker rewards to follow...

Message from Friends of Kilmore:

The Early Phase Garden Party last year was such a colourful, fun and happy event. It's much smaller than the big summer and winter whole school events - and much less overwhelming for the younger children at Kilmore. Many families told us it was the highlight of the school calendar for them!

This year, it's even more important that parent support the event, as the money raised will go towards paying for the coaches for the beach trip for all Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children in July. Since this trip last took place in 2019, the cost of coaches has risen hugely - and many London schools have had to abandon similar trips due to them now being prohibitively expensive.

For an inner city primary school like Kilmore, the trip to Joss Bay really matters. Not just because it is a super special day out which you and your child will always remember, but because there will be Kilmore children who have never experienced the joy of a day at the beach before.

All of this is a long way of saying please, please get behind the Early Phase Garden party in whatever way you can. With less than 3 weeks to go, things aren't looking good. Philippa and team need more donations and lots more volunteers. We know you want to enjoy the party with your children, so slots are an hour long, leaving you 2 hours to have fun together.

The donation boxes by the entrance gates are filling up with re-giftable toys, soft toys and other good as new items and the class colour raffle boxes (by each class) are filling up slowly- please have a think of your particular colour when you are out and about. [Online volunteer sign up is still open](#) and hoping for more names please.

If your child attends WRAP there is now a donation box in Reception WRAP both morning and evening and all families, including those in year 1, can leave donations there.

Thank you

