

This week in Reception

We have had a lovely week in Reception learning about nature and our wellbeing. Each class introduced the Yellow Zone of regulation (worried/excited/wiggly/mildly frustrated etc.) and the children really enjoyed exploring the vocabulary around this. We also talked about how these different feelings make the body feel. Bears Class caught up by also learning about the Green Zone.

We have all been learning Makaton and the children are now developing a bank of different signs, which we are sure they would love to show you at home!

As always in Reception, we spend time talking to the children about personal space and ways to keep safe. As part of this learning, we have played the NSPCC song Pantosaurus – which is always very popular with the children! You may also like to play this at home and talk about what it teaches.

Number

In Numbers the children have continued to consolidate their knowledge of the numbers 1-3 through using one-to-one correspondence when counting, investigating the different compositions of 3 and representing it in different ways. The children are also getting more confident when counting up to 30, which they do every day.

Little Wandle Phonics

This week we have continued teaching the Little Wandle phonics programme. The children have consolidated the previous phonemes (and corresponding graphemes) learnt (s a t p i n m d g o c k) and learnt the new phonemes ck e u r.



The children also read and blended the sounds together to make words like s-e-t, s-o-ck and r-a-n. We revised the tricky word 'is' (tricky because the 's' makes a 'z' sound) and learnt the new tricky word 'I'.

Please remember that you will learn more about the way we teach phonics at the phonics meeting with Ashleigh on the 20th October. You can also find more information about Little Wandle on the Little Wandle website: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk> Click on the 'Parent Tab' for some handy resources.

Farewell to Gabi

We are sad to announce that Gabi, the teaching assistant in Bears Class, will be leaving Kilmore School at the end of this half term to explore new challenges. Gabi has been an amazing addition to the Reception team and will be missed by us all.

Please be reassured that we have had some excellent candidates for the position and are confident that the new TA will be equally brilliant! We will let parents know the name of the new member of staff before we break for half term and will be preparing the children for the change.

Birthday Idea

As we are a Sugar Smart school, we are no longer able to distribute cakes or sweets donated by parents on children's birthdays. This sometimes leaves parents unsure what to do to mark their child's birthday. Luckily, one of our Reception parents has made a great suggestion; if you would like to mark your child's birthday in school, perhaps you could buy a book/small resource for your child's class to enjoy (or donate an unwanted toy or book from home), which your child will then 'gift' to all of their friends. If a book, please write a message inside of it so that all future children know that your child made a kind donation. You might also want to wrap the present up (hopefully assisted by your child!) so that they have the honour of unwrapping it at the front of the carpet.

Important Reminders:

Focus Children Meetings:

If your child is chosen to be one of the three focus children from their class (Child of the Week/Special Helper/Class Pet Carer), please let your teacher know your availability for a short meeting to be held on the Friday of that week.

Requests:

- This is quite a big, somewhat cheeky request... should anyone have a redundant working ipod or ipad at home that they would be willing to donate to their child's class teacher for us to use to take photos, we would be really delighted to receive it
- Please send in small boxes and collage bits for junk modelling
- Please name **all clothing** including boots

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 20th October – Confirmed date for parent/carer Little Wandle phonics training. This will be offered in-person between 09:15 and 10:00, please sign in at the main office first. The session will also be repeated on Teams at 19:30, a link to this meeting will be sent shortly.

Best wishes,
The Reception Team



