

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 19th September 2025

This week in Reception:

The children have had a great week in Reception! They have coped well with their first full week, there may have been tears coming into the classroom but they have showed their resilience and have moved on quickly and got stuck into each new day!

This week our theme has been '**All About Me**' we are all busy getting to know each other. We have read the story 'All Are Welcome Here' and have had some circle times focusing on learning names, sharing feelings and taking turns. The children engaged with their first writing task all about themselves where they drew pictures and chatted to their teachers about their favourite animals, foods they eat, their families and the toys they like to play with.

Lions, Tigers and Bears have started their **Class Charters**, which mark the responsibilities the children will have all year, such as, being kind to each other, listening to each other and taking care of their classroom and playground spaces. This is linked to Kilmorie being a Rights Respecting School, so if you find any opportunity over the weekend to remind your children of the importance of rules and why we follow them would be greatly appreciated.

From Monday, as part of their transition, Reception will join the rest of the school on the **main playground** at lunchtime. Please talk to your child about this and help remind them of siblings, friends and neighbours that they will be able to meet and play with on the playground!

From Next Week

We would appreciate (as much as possible!) if the children could now come into the classroom independently, saying goodbye at the door. Many of the children are doing this already and all of them are now familiar with where their peg is and with the morning routine of their class. Thank you.

Bookbags

Some of you have been given a **bookbag** already, some of you are waiting. They have been ordered and will arrive soon. If you already have one, please bring it to school and we can keep them altogether until we are ready to send books home.

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Reminders

Daily Class Timings:

Lions 8.50am - 3.20pm

Tigers 8.55am - 3.25pm

Bears 9.00am - 3.00pm

The outside days are:

Tuesdays – Bears

Wednesdays – Lions

Thursdays – Tigers

Phonics

This week the children started their phonics lessons and have learned four new sounds:



At home go on a sound hunt and ask your children if they can find any objects that begin with these sounds (socks, apples, taps, pots and pans)!

Parents, please look at the Little Wandle website [For parents | Letters and Sounds](#) which will provide videos on how to pronounce the sounds taught as well as providing information on how we teach phonics and the sound they will learn.

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Home learning ideas:

- Toileting independently – encourage your child to wipe, flush and wash hands on their own!
- Dressing themselves
- Helping at home to make their bed and tidy their toys
- Perhaps find creative ways of practicing mark making the letters in maybe sand, flour, paint or shaving foam, or even writing it on the palm of their hands or on their backs. We also had a rhyme for writing each letter which your child may remember!



We need your help!

Creative Area

We can see already in our classes that the creative areas are very popular! The children use up the resources very quickly, which shows us they are a creative bunch! When you have any arts and crafts bits at home that you no longer need, we would love to add them to our creative area so the children can enjoy them at school.

Bits and bobs such as:

- Feathers
- Pom poms
- Pipe cleaners
- Glitter
- Old magazines
- Felt
- Buttons

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Junk modelling:

- Clean boxes (small delivery boxes, cereal boxes, breadsticks boxes)
- Clean plastic bottles
- Kitchen roll tubes

Thank you!

Reception Team

