

# Reception News

## 12.3.21



It has been an extremely busy and rewarding first week back together in Reception! The children returned with bundles of enthusiasm (mostly) and are quickly settling back into the routines of the day. It has been lovely to see old friendships renewed and new ones beginning!

### **This week**

We spent a lot of time this week settling the children back in by reviewing daily routines and playing circle games to promote confidence in the classroom.

The remainder of the week was spent celebrating Science Week by doing a range of exciting experiments to encourage prediction and create a sense of awe and wonder! We investigated chemical reactions, and properties of liquids and materials.

As planned, screen time was kept to a minimum and we took every opportunity to encourage the children to get outside into the fresh air.

### **Next week**

In the coming week we will be thinking more about the people who help us in our community and reading some stories to promote discussion about this. We will also be learning about the Springtime celebration of Nowruz, which is Persian New Year, that celebrates renewal of the world and the link between humans and nature.

At the end of the week we will be planning some funny activities for Comic Relief.

### **Phonics**

Next week we will be putting the children into their new phonics groups. From Monday, you might like to ask your child who their new phonics teacher is? We

will take time in each group to familiarise the children with new classmates and seating plans.

### **Pick-up and drop-off times**

Thank you for your ongoing patience as we all become more familiar with the new drop-off and pick-up routines for each class. If your child is in Bears or Tigers, please continue to wait on the opposite side of the road until your child's class is called by a member of staff.

### **Clothing**

Given the likelihood of Springtime showers and changeable weather, please ensure that your child has plenty of layers and a waterproof coat as a number of children were complaining of being chilly this week when outside for prolonged periods.

### **Videos**

If you were kind enough to offer to record a video of yourself as an everyday hero, we would be delighted to receive this as soon as possible.

### **Reading Days**

The children's reading days have now returned to normal. If you are unsure when this is, please check the front of your child's yellow reading journal. We would appreciate it if your child only brings their book bag in on their reading day, to minimise things being brought in from home. Please also ensure that the yellow reading journal is in the bag, as we cannot send books home without recording them in this.

### **Allergy Medication**

If your child has food allergy medication in school, can you please make sure that we have the most recent prescription to ensure this is in date.

### **Guinea Pigs**

After much deliberation we have decided that our sociable guinea pigs, Ruby and Chloe, would benefit from a calmer environment. They need access to an outside space in the summer and inside in the winter. We have it on good

authority that they are confident around other animals and know they are good with children. We can provide all the equipment they need.

If you would be willing to offer them a permanent home, please email Ashleigh via the office.

**Best wishes,**

The Reception Team