

Reception Class Newsletter



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Friday 17th October 2025



Within “Understanding the World” the focus has been on family and community. The children have been talking about family who live in their home and also about family who they visit who live in their own homes. Being aware of people who also form part of our community both within school and outside of school is something the children are becoming more aware of.



We recently had a monitoring visit from a member of staff working for the “English Hub”.

She was accompanied by our school Phonics Lead, Miss Sargent. The purpose of the English Hub on a national scale is to promote three priority areas: Early Language Development, Age-Appropriate Phonics Provision and to Promote a Love of Reading. They both commented on the behaviour of the children within the lesson and how well the children are progressing and wanted us to pass on their appreciation of the support you give your child at home specifically in this area. Your support really does make a difference to your child’s progress and attainment in school. The children are assessed each week and placed in ability groups with children at the same ability level. In this way all children’s next steps are planned for and taught.



The children bring home a book with no words each Friday, this is changed on a weekly basis. Please write the title of the book along with any comments you would like to make inside this book. Within the phonics session once your child can blend letter sounds together confidently a “Sound Blending” book will be sent home.

In Maths the focus is on different representations of 1, 2 and 3. Subitising has also been introduced which is the ability to recognise 1, 2 and 3 as amounts without the need to count. Dice games are good for this skill, for example to know “3” when a “3” is thrown without needing to count, “1, 2, 3”. Showing 3 fingers when for example 3 claps are heard or 2 stamps of the feet when 2 fingers are shown all are activities which are beneficial and will embed early number.



Stories and rhymes which support maths this week can be found on YouTube and include **Anno’s Counting Book by Mitsumasa Anno, How to Count to One by C Salmon, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, When I was One I Banged my Thumb, Hickory Dickory Dock.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Reception Staff