

# Reception Class Newsletter

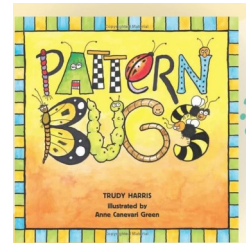


24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The "Toothbrushing Programme" is going really well. The daily toothbrushing in the early afternoon is now part of our routine and the children are realising not to have a drink immediately afterwards as the toothpaste will be washed away! A reminder also that only water and milk are available to the children in school this also must include water brought to school in water bottles (not juice) this is the guidance we are given by the NHS. The children are aware that this is the school rule (otherwise the juice is staying on the teeth undoing the good work of routine toothbrushing). Thanks for your support with this.

Revision of "pattern" has taken place in maths this week, progressing to more difficult patterns for example from red, blue, red, blue, etc to red, red, blue, red, red, blue or red, blue, blue, red, blue, blue and so on. Story books which involve pattern are "Pattern Fish" and "Pattern Bugs" by Trudy Harris.



Verbal counting beyond 20 is a daily occurrence. How high can your child count?

A reminder to return to school all maths games and other games that are sent home with all pieces complete.

Happy Minds lessons for this half term are based on the theme RELATE. The children will be thinking of "What makes a good friend?" and "How to be a good friend". Suggestions will involve being kind, caring, listening to others, sharing, taking turns, being helpful etc. Children will learn all about "Active Listening" and how that helps them to be good friends.

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