



Reception Newsletter



Thursday 26th October

As we come to the end of our first half term we want to say a huge well done to the children in both classes. They have settled so well this half term and should all be extremely proud of themselves. We hope that they (and you!) have the opportunity to recharge their batteries over the holiday, ready for all the opportunities and experiences that will come next half term.

In the first week back we will be starting our "Heroes" theme and will be talking about real life heroes including those that work for the NHS, police, fire and ambulance services.

Phonics

This week we have been recapping and assessing the sounds that we have taught this half term, as well as blending and segmenting skills and the recognition of tricky words **I**, **is** and **the**. The children have made super progress and we are able to see application of their skills within the classrooms.



Reading

Today the children are bringing home a new reading book which we have looked at together in class. Please practise this book throughout the week to help the children maintain the great progress they are making with segmenting and blending their sounds.

Mathematics - This week we have assessed the children on the skills we have explored in our first half term. The children are getting much quicker at subitising (recognising a small group of objects without the need to count aloud). After half-term we will continue to explore how to build the numbers 4 and 5 before moving on to recognizing and sorting 4-sided shapes.

Both classes will continue to have **Forest School** on **Tuesdays** and **PE** on **Fridays** after half-term. If you wish to take wellies home for the half term holidays please ensure they are returned ready for Forest School when we return. A reminder please to send children to school

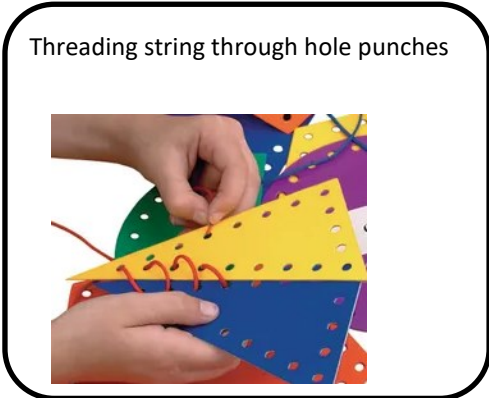
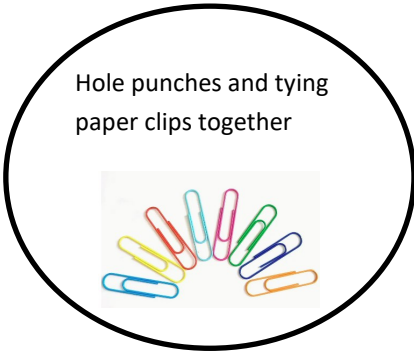
On **Monday 13th November (2.45pm—hometime)** we are inviting any and all adults to join our classes for our first Stay and Play session. This is an opportunity to spend some time choosing activities alongside your children in the classroom. If you are able to attend, please wait outside the gate as usual and we will open it for you. We will then ask you to wait outside on our outdoor classroom area at the end of the day while the children gather their belongings ready for a normal finishing time after the session.

As a 'warm up to handwriting and letter formation, we practise fine motor skills in Reception. You may have heard your child talking about dough disco and hammering golf tees into pumpkins! All of these activities help to strengthen the fingers and hands ready for writing.



Fine Motor skills

You can also use:
Bubble wrap threading beads
Leg bricks jigsaws building bricks



Zips and buttons are great for fine motor too—and for independence!

Finger puppets
Pompoms—make with wool
Stick wrapping
Triggers on water sprays

