



## Reception Parent Information for the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

We have had an incredibly exciting week in Reception Class, full of wonder and learning! The children have been captivated by a very special transformation happening right in our classroom. Our caterpillars have turned into chrysalises! The children have been eagerly observing these changes and have written some fantastic sentences to describe what is happening. It's been wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm translate into such creative writing. In English, we have been innovating the story 'Penguin on Holiday'. The children came up with some wonderful ideas about other hot places that a penguin might visit and the various animals that live in these environments. Their imaginations truly soared as they explored these new settings and characters! In Maths, the children have been learning about grouping. They have been actively engaged in activities that involve sorting and classifying objects into groups. This hands-on approach has helped them understand the concept of grouping and its importance in everyday life. The children have shown great enthusiasm and have enjoyed working together to complete these tasks.

### Uniform and book bags

- Please send your child to school with a suitable coat and a pair of clearly labelled wellies.
- Parents are welcome to provide a bag of spare clothes, as sometimes children may need to change, due to engaging in messy/water play throughout the day.
- Please send your child to school with their reading books in their maroon book bag every day. Reading books will continue to be changed on Thursday's. Starting Autumn 2 the black book bag needs to be returned on Friday's this is to be used to take home a library book.
- Remember to send your child with a labelled water bottle every day.

### Floppy Phonics

In phonics, we have revisited the sounds 'er as in builder', and 'er as in herb'. Here are some words for each:

#### 'er as in builder'

flower, shower, hammer, spanner, power

#### 'er as in herb'

herd, verb, her, fern, perfect

Here are two sentences demonstrating the 'er' phoneme:

1. Can you see the hammer in the bag?
2. She had a spanner to make it tight.

Here are two sentences for the 'er' phoneme:

1. The fern is in the garden.
2. His hair looks perfect.

### Reading Books

We would recommend your child should read each day in addition to being read too. Reading is more than simply reciting the text on the page. Please create discussions regarding what your child has read with comprehensive questions.

Questions such as

(Vocabulary)What does the word..... mean?

Can you retell and sequence the story?

(Prediction) Can you predict what might happen next?

(Inference) Why do you think...

(Explain) Can you explain how that character may be feeling?

(Retrieval) Where in the story would I find the information about.....? Beginning, middle, end.

## PE

This week, the children have continued to practise circuits for their upcoming Sports Day. Their hard work and dedication have been truly commendable, and they have consistently demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout our lessons. We are very proud of their progress and enthusiasm, and we are confident that their efforts will shine through on the big day.

## Reminders

- **Sports Day** will be held on the **3<sup>rd</sup> of July**. It will start at **9:15am** and will finish at **10am**. Parents are welcome to attend to support the children. The gate will be opened for drop off at 8:45am and children will need to enter their classroom as normal. Parents will then wait outside the school gate until it is reopened at 9:00am. Please ensure that your child is wearing a t-shirt that is the same colour as their house team. The house team lists are posted outside the reception classrooms for parents to see. While sports day is in progress, we encourage you to cheer for your children but please can we kindly request that you keep to the side lines in order for each activity to take place safely.
- **School photos** will take place on **Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July**. Please ensure that children are wearing their full school uniform. As sports day is taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, we will not be doing a PE lesson on Monday so a separate bag for their PE uniform will not be needed.
- Please note, sun cream may be needed on hot days to ensure protection from the sun. Please apply the sun cream at home in the morning. Please also ensure your child has a sun hat.
- Please keep sunglasses and toys safe at home, to prevent items from getting lost or damaged.

## Contacting your Reception class teacher

If you would like to talk with your Reception Teacher about any queries, please feel free to talk to us at the end of the day, after we have finished dismissing all the children.

Any other queries can be sent to the email address below.

[reception@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:reception@olopprimary.co.uk)

Kind regards,

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