



Reception Parent Information for the Week Beginning 9th June 2025

Exciting Visitors



We had some very exciting visitors last week in Reception. Our little caterpillars finally turned into beautiful butterflies! It was so lovely to get to see them up close and then release them in our prayer garden. One butterfly didn't seem to want to leave us and they lingered a bit more so we could all wave goodbye!



What you can do at home to support your child's learning

Phonics: Practice reading and writing sentences with the taught phonics sounds. Below are all the sounds we have been learning this year. As this is our final term, we will be focusing a lot on revising all the sounds so it would be great if you could do the same at home.

Reading with your child.

Please ensure that your child reads their reading books every day and that you sign the reading record so that we can change the books every Monday. Please encourage your child to talk about the pictures in the books and if they are not confident with blending yet, to try and say the sounds they recognize in the words. **Please also ensure that reading books and reading records are placed in the maroon bags and brought to school every day.**

Phonics



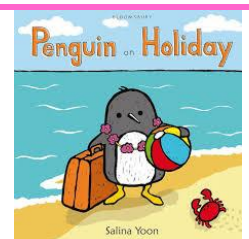
Each week the children will be learning two new sounds using Floppy Phonics. They will learn the names of the letters and the sounds they make when we read them. They will also practice recognising them in words and writing them in their phonics sheets.

We have already learnt about the sounds 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n', 'm', 'd', 'g', 'o', 'c', 'k', 'ck', 'e', 'u', 'r', 'h', 'b', 'f', 'ff', 'l', 'll', 'le', 'ss', 'j', 'v', 'w', 'x', 'y', 'z', 'zz', 'qu', 'ch', 'sh', 'th', 'ng', 'dge', 've', 'wh', 'cks', 'tch', 'nk', 'ai', 'ee', 'igh', 'oa', 'oo', 'ur', 'ow', 'oi', 'ear', 'air', 'er', 'ue' and 'ure'. This week our new sound is '-ture' as in picture.

Literacy



In Literacy, we are introducing our new story, 'Penguin on Holiday'. We will look at the key vocabulary and also write lists for things you can pack for a holiday.



Maths

In maths we will explore the concept of grouping. When grouping, children divide a set by placing a given number of objects in each group and investigate how many groups they will require. Children will have various opportunities for children to recognise and make equal groups.



RE

Our topic in RE is Dialogue and Encounter.

The first principles of **dialogue** are laid out to understand how to listen when others speak, develop attitudes of respect, and embrace similarities and differences. With **encounter** the aim is to enrich children's understanding of a different religious and cultural tradition that they encounter each day - e.g. in members of their class, school community or locality.



Reading Books



Your child will be given new reading books every Monday. These books are designed to help your child with new vocabulary and to build their comprehension skills. **Remember to read with your child every day and sign the reading record.** Even if the books don't have words, encourage your child to describe what they can see in the pictures using full sentences (i.e. I can see a dog splashing in the pond). Demonstrate to your child how to describe the pictures and also encourage them to use their imagination to tell you what they think they would hear or smell if they were in the picture.

School Uniform



Winter uniform is to be worn every day including ties (we understand the clips can be a little tricky so adding elastic has proved helpful for many). Please make sure your child has a coat appropriate for the weather conditions.

Please send your child to school with their **maroon** book bag **every day with their reading book and reading record book inside.**

Black book bags only come to school on a **Monday**, and this is used to take home a **library book.**

Remember to send your child with a water bottle every day.

Most importantly, PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING.

Please also bring in a labelled pair of wellie boots if you have not done so already.

Thank you!

As our new story is all about going on holiday, we would appreciate it if you could bring any of the following items to support and enhance your children's learning experience.

We kindly ask for any spare or old:

Small suitcases

Sunglasses

Sun hats

Floaties

Beach towels

Winter hats/gloves/scarves

And any other holiday related items you are no longer using and are willing to part with.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

We will endeavour to answer any questions at the end of a school day but it can be quite rushed as we have so many children and parents. Please use the following email to contact your class teacher if you have any questions or queries: reception@olopprimary.co.uk

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