

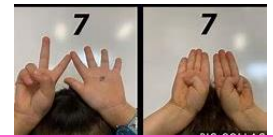


Reception Parent Information for the Week Beginning 20th January 2025

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

Phonics: Practice reading and writing sentences with the 'y' or 'z' sound. For example: Yap went the dog. I can zig zag.

Maths: Can children show different ways to make 6,7 and 8 using bunny ears. For example, to show 6 one hand could show 2 while the other shows 4.



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.

Thank you for your continued support.

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' and 'x'. This week will be 'y' and 'z'.

Literacy



In Literacy, we will be focusing on a book called Harry and his bucket full of dinosaurs. This week we will be innovating our story by changing the main characters and the setting.

Maths



In maths, children will explore finding different representations of the numbers 6, 7 and 8. Children will match the verbal number names to quantities and then to numerals. Children will be encouraged to continue to apply the counting principles when they count to 8 and when they represent these numbers in different ways. Children will have opportunities to use one-to-one correspondence to count 6, 7 and 8 objects from a larger group.



Our topic in RE is Galilee to Jerusalem. This week we will talk about how Jesus welcomes everyone. We will discuss how the children are all very special to Jesus and that He wants them all to come to Him.

Where and how do you think that we can come to Jesus?

Where and when can we talk to Jesus?

Where are the special places that we can be close to Jesus even if we cannot see Him?



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!

We are really focusing on how story telling can support childrens writing skills. We would really appreciate any of the following:

- **Puppets**
- **Wooden characters**
- **Small soft toys**
- **Dinosaur small world toys and soft toys**

Thank you very much 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



We hope you have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Arampatzi and Miss Chapman