



Reception Parent Information for the Week Beginning 10th February 2025

Important information

World book day will be celebrated on Friday 7th March.

Children can come into school dressed as their favourite **book character**. We will be going outside on the day so don't forget your coat and practical foot wear.

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

Phonics: Practice reading and writing sentences with the 'th' or 'ng' sound. For example: The sloth had a bath. I like to sing.

Maths: Can they pair up matching socks? If there is one left over is that odd or even? If the socks all have a pair is that odd or even?

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', 'x', 'y', 'z', 'zz', 'qu', 'ch', 'sh', 'th' and 'ng'. This week will be 'dge' and 've'.

Literacy



In Literacy, we will be focusing on a book called *Astro Girl*. This week we will add actions to the story to help us remember it. We will also be looking at some sections of the story more closely before writing them.



Maths

In maths, children will be introduced to the concept of length. Children will be encouraged to explore objects and begin to use the language of length to describe them. Such as short, long, shortest and longest.



Our topic in RE is Galilee to Jerusalem. This is the last week focusing on this topic. Children will be supported to generate wondering questions about Jesus welcoming the children and the Feeding of the 5000. For example, 'I wonder how Mary felt when the strange visitors arrived?' 'I wonder what it felt like to be welcomed by Jesus himself?' 'I wonder what it was like to eat the food Jesus shared?'



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!

Our new Literacy topic is all about space. We would appreciate it if you could support your children's learning by helping us enhance our classroom environment. For this we kindly ask if you could bring:

Tin foil

Glitter

Space related puppets/toys

Any sparkly fabrics

Empty plastic bottles

Empty tin cans

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

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