Reception Round Up

Friday 16th October 2026

Welcome to our Reception Round Up!

Each week, we will give you an insight into what we have been getting up to. This first one is a little long as we have a lot to tell you...

Firstly, we are so incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into school life. They have shown enthusiasm for making new friends, willingness to give things a go and resilience in the face of new challenges. Whilst they have been learning the routines, we have also been spending a lot of time discussing scenarios that may occur, such as negotiating disagreements. We have been coming up with scripts to help the children navigate these moments. For example, "When you're finished, please can I have it?" or "Stop. I don't like that."

As you know, in recent weeks, we have begun teaching Phonics. So far, the children have been taught the following sounds: /s/a/t/p/i/n/m/d/g/ as well as the 'tricky words: 'I', 'to' and 'no'. We have been working hard on oral blending in addition to segmenting and blending CVC words, such as p-a-t. The children have been enjoying Drawing Club, where together we read a story, introduce new and exciting vocabulary, then draw characters, settings or adventures that the characters might go on. As part of each Drawing Club session, we write a 'code' - our focus so far has been on pre-writing shapes.

In Maths, we have been focusing on the numbers one to four. We have been spending lots of time, looking in depth, at what each number can look like and what it can be made up of. This week, we looked at the numbers three and four. We practised subitising and number bonds using concrete objects.

Each class has a 'floor book' which will be available to you to flick through on parents' evening. Here you will find lots of examples of things we have been doing, including a visit from Simon the paramedic! The floor book often contains some writing the children have done as part of Drawing Club that week or artwork they have created; this week, we have been looking at the colour wheel!

Below you will find a couple of things that will happen throughout the year.

Celebration Assembly: Throughout the year, each child will receive a certificate in assembly. They will get to share their work with the rest of the year group and you, their family.

Writer and Mathematician of the Week: Throughout the year, each child will have a piece of writing and a piece of maths work displayed in the main corridor, outside of the offices. A note will come home on Friday in their bookbag, informing you that they have been chosen that week. The work will be displayed until the following Friday, to give you a chance to pop in after school one day with your child so they can tell you about their learning.

Homework: The children have worked incredibly hard during this half term so over the break, the homework books will not be sent home. Instead, we ask that you share stories together, play, chat and enjoy spending time together as a family.

Reminder: Friday 23rd October is an Inset Day and therefore the children are not in school.

Finally, we understand what a big transition the children have been through (and are continuing to go through) and we are continually grateful for your support, as we guide the children through the start of their school journeys. Our relationship with you, as the families of our children, is so important to us and we just wanted to remind you that we are there to help and support you and your child in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to talk to us!

Thank you,

The Reception Team