



16 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 16.10.23

Don't forget to return your child's Golden Book once you have shared their learning and written on the parent comment sticker at the end.

Please ensure that your name stickers are secure in the labels of your child's clothes as they do tend to come off after a while. We have at least 5 unnamed jumpers/cardigans in each classroom box which we are unable to return.

Friday 20 October - last day for this half term. School finishes at usual time.
Don't forget to keep enjoying stories together during half term!

"Courage does not always roar.
Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'"

- Mary Anne Radmacher

It's hard to believe the children have already been in school for half a term. We are so very proud of each and every one of them and the way they have settled in and faced new challenges with courage and resilience. It takes a huge amount of brain power to settle into the new environment – remembering names, organising belongings and getting used to the new routines. They have all done a fantastic job, and are certain to be ready for a break next week!

Learning Question of the week:

Why is it important to be honest with others?

For our final week before the half term break '**Jack and the Beanstalk**' is our story focus. This is a story that lends itself very well to acting out and we will be using the repeated language during Exploration Time – we are expecting to hear a lot of 'Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum' in our indoor and outdoor classrooms as well as at Forest School this week! Our Year 6 buddies will be joining us at Forest School too, to help us with a game!

Phonics

The children are working hard in their Read Write Inc sessions. You can find out about the correct way to say the letter sounds here: <https://tinyurl.com/mryy3z5d>



Fred the frog can only speak in sounds – he can't say the whole word. Speaking like Fred helps children to understand that words are made up of sounds.

We have been practising 'Fred Talk' – you and your child can have a go at this Fred Game at home:

<https://tinyurl.com/2deyw5cd>

Reading

Thank you for supporting your child by reading stories to them every day. This is helping your child to develop their love of books and setting them up for a lifetime of reading.

Can your child spot any of the letters we have learnt so far, in their books at home?

For more things to think about

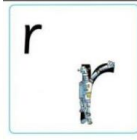
The sounds we are learning this week are l, h, r, j
The sounds we have learnt so far are: u, b, f, e, m, a, s, d, t, l, n, p, g, o, c, k Please practice reading and writing these on your whiteboards at home.



Down the long leg.



Down the head, to his hooves and over his back.



Down the robots back and curl over his arm.



Down his body, curl, dot for his head.

when reading with your child watch this short video:
<https://tinyurl.com/exdaynsx>

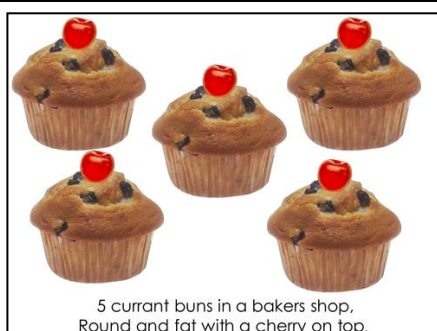
Concept Word

This week's concept word is: **above**

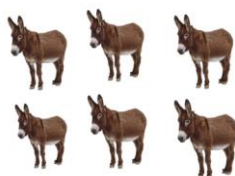


Help your child at home: when putting things away, talk about things that go above

Maths



One more:



How many will we have with **one more**?

Parts and wholes:



In maths, it's time to get to know the number **5**. As well as thinking about how to write the digit and how count to five or count five objects, we will think carefully about where and how we might see 5 and what parts it is made of (i.e. five 'ones'; a three and a two etc). Can you find the number 5 when you are out shopping, or whilst looking in your kitchen cupboard? Do you know what 5 looks like on the dice or on dominoes?

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs McCarthy back after half term and wish to thank Mrs Howe for helping the children to settle into school this half term. Mrs Howe will be with the children and Mrs McCarthy on Monday after half term and will of course be passing on lots of information.

We hope you have a lovely week, and we wish you all a wonderful half term break!

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs Howe



For your calendar:

I've always wondered...Coffee morning
Y4 – 20.10.23
Y3 – 2.11.23
at 8.00am

Come along and ask anything you have wondered about (school related). Miss Swann and Mrs Dray will take school age children out to play whilst the coffee morning is happening.

Please fill in the Google Form [here](#) if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 1.11.23
7.30pm – 8.30pm

Virtual Workshop for Parents/Carers from the Breck Foundation re online safety.

Details on how to join this online workshop will be shared after half term.

Coming up soon:

October		
w/b 16.10.23	-	Last week for Internal clubs
Wednesday 18.10.23	-	YR – Y6 Flu immunisations
Thursday 19.10.23	-	Harvest charity donations
Friday 20.10.23	8.00am – 8.35am	I've always wondered....Coffee morning for Y4 Parents/Carers - Book here
Friday 20.10.23	After school	PTA Doughnut Sale at East and West Gates
Friday 20.10.23	School closes at the normal time	Half term holiday starts
Monday 30.10.23	8.35am	School opens for YN – Y6
Tuesday 31.10.23	9.00am – 10.00am	Coffee morning for families whose children have a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND)
November		
Wednesday 1.11.23	8.40am – 9.40am	Nursery Family Breakfast – see Weekly Info
Wednesday 1.11.23	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations (PCTC) at school
Wednesday 1.11.23	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Virtual workshop for Parents/Carers from the Breck Foundation re online safety
Thursday 2.11.23	8.00am – 8.35am	I've always wondered....Coffee morning for Y3 Parents/Carers – Book here
Thursday 2.11.23	All day	Y2 Visit to the park and Batul Futuh Mosque
Friday 3.11.23	8.40am – 9.40am	Nursery Family Breakfast – see Weekly Info
Friday 3.11.23	Gates open at 5.00pm Display starts at 6.30pm	PTA Fireworks evening

Reminders for you:

Harvest Donations Monday 16.10.23 to Thursday 19.10.23

Please can donations be delivered to the East and West Gate in the mornings. Please see items below

PCTCs Wednesday 1.11.23 and Tuesday 7.11.23

A letter with details on how to make appointments will be sent out tomorrow 17.11.23 and bookings will open on 18.11.23. Please note that bookings will be via Scopay. Instructions will be in the letter.

PTA Fireworks Event Friday 3.11.23

Please remember to book your tickets via PTA Events and sign up to a volunteer slot.

Epsom and Ewell Harvest list 2023:

Instant mash	Jam / Honey / Marmalade
Cereal (not porridge)	Ketchup / Brown sauce / Mayo
Weetabix	Peanut Butter/Chocolate Spread
Rice pudding	Shampoo/Conditioner
Custard	Deodorant
Instant coffee	Shower gel
Biscuits	Soap
Noodles	Chocolate/sweet treats