



19 February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 19.2.24

Please save a **potato** this weekend as we will be asking the children to bring one in for a craft activity next week.

Show and Tell is this Thursday for **Indigo** group in each class with the theme, 'Something I am proud of'.

If you have any children's socks of any colour which you no longer need, donations will be gratefully received for activities at school.

Many thanks

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful half term break. We look forward to a busy second half of term in Reception!

We spend lots of time outdoors and as you can imagine, some of our resources are getting a bit worn out. If you have any of the following which you are no longer using at home we would be very grateful of any donations:

- Dolls' clothing
- Bicycle helmets
- Dressing up clothes from around the World

As mentioned in previous Weekly Information, we have a Maths Workshop for Reception parents and carers next week. Mrs Vidal will be talking about how we can help children to develop strong foundations in maths, and what we look for in confident mathematicians in the Early Years. The workshop will take place on Monday 26 February from 8.50am – 9.50am in the hall. You will be able to enter and leave by the East and West Gates at the start and end of this session.

This week's learning in Reception at a glance:

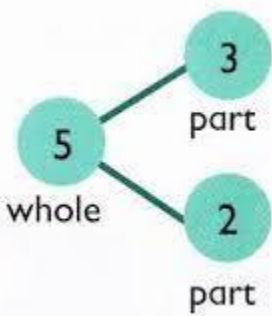
Learning Question of the week: What makes a 'superhero?'

This week we begin to learn about superheroes! We will read stories to inspire us to create our own superheroes. What unique powers can you think of? The children will need to think carefully about the physical features and special skills and powers possessed by a superhero as well as designing logos for a cape.

The skills and core learning we will focus on are:

- Using time connectives to link narratives, e.g. first... next
- Talking about how to solve problems
- Throwing objects with control to make them land in a container
- Adding small details to drawings of people
- Showing understanding of stories
- Using finger spaces in our writing
- Representing parts and wholes for addition and subtraction
- Exploring and investigating natural processes relating to magnets
- Creating collaboratively, sharing ideas and resources

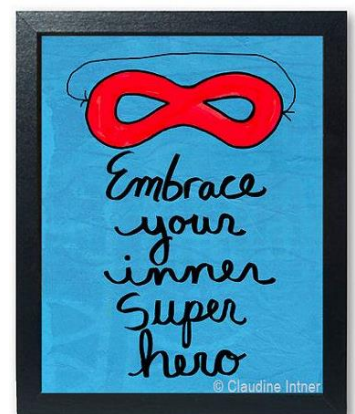
Phonics	Reading
<p>The children will remain in their phonics groups this week and following assessments will be regrouped. They will continue to attend their daily sessions each morning.</p> <p>You can help your child by practising their sounds using your sound cards from the reading pack and looking out for them in books that you share? Encourage your child to use their sounds for reading and spelling words.</p>	<p>During the first part of this term we started to learn 'red words.' These are words which are known as 'tricky' because we can't sound them out using 'Fred Talk' in the usual way that we know. With these words we say to the children that they just have to recognise and remember them rather than sounding them out.</p> <p>This week's new red words: your, are.</p> <p>The red words we have previously learn are: I, my, the, you, said</p>

Maths	
<p>In maths, we will create our own part-part-whole models using digit cards, numicon and counters. We will consolidate our understanding of the parts of 7 and 8 (e.g. for 7 we could have 3 and 4; 2 and 5; 6 and 1; 7 and 0).</p>	
	<p>Key to using the part-part whole model effectively is understanding how the different parts fit. For example:</p> <p>We know that the whole is 5 and the parts are 3 and 2. We know that $3 + 2 = 5$; that $5 - 2 = 3$; that $5 - 3 = 2$; and that $2 + 3 = 5$. We know that the whole cannot be bigger than a part.</p>

Show and Tell
<p>Show and Tell will be for the Indigo group across all classes on Thursday. The theme for show and tell is 'things I am proud of', for example: a photo of your child learning how to ride their bike, a piece of art work they have created, a photo of swimming without armbands or underwater etc. As always with Show and Tell, please ensure that your child's item only comes into school on the day of their turn, is clearly name labelled and is nothing too precious or expensive.</p>

Have a lovely week!

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole, and Mrs Howe





For your calendar:

Tuesday 20.2.24
10.30am – 11.45am

School Council's Generations Coffee Morning

Grandparents, retired neighbours are welcome to join our School Councillors.



Maths Workshop

Monday 26.2.24
8.50am – 9.50am

How to help your child develop strong foundations in maths – workshop for YN and YR Parents/Carers. Please book [here](#)



Coming up soon:

February		
w/b Monday 19.2.24	-	PTA Smarties fundraiser – send your donations back to nursery/school this week
w/b Monday 19.2.24	-	Internal clubs start
Tuesday 20.2.24	10.30am – 11.45am	School Council's Generations coffee morning – Grandparents, retired neighbours are welcome to join our School Councillors
Thursday 22.2.24	-	Girl Guide/Scouting Thinking Day – Rainbows/Brownies/Girl Guides/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts can come to school in their uniform instead of school uniform
Thursday 22.2.24	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Music Evening for participating children
Monday 26.2.24	8.50am – 9.50am	How to help your child develop strong foundations in maths – workshop for YN and YR Parents/Carers. Please book here
Wednesday 28.2.24	8.45am – 9.30am	1H's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall
Wednesday 28.2.24	All day	Y6 – Visit to the Natural History Museum
Thursday 29.2.24	8.45am – 9.30am	1S's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall
March		
Friday 1.3.24	8.45am – 9.30am	1B's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall
Friday 1.3.24	Morning – 6DA and 6L Afternoon – 6B	Y6 - Visit to the Junior Citizen Event at Epsom Downs

Reminders for you:

Music Evening
22.2.24
6.00pm – 7.30pm

Music Evening for participating children is on Thursday evening. Children should arrive at school, in their uniform, at 5.40pm.

Smarties

We hope your children have had fun doing their odd jobs over the half term break and enjoyed eating the smarties! Please don't forget to return your filled smarties tube and donations this week.

School Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for Teaching Assistants, please click the [link](#) to find out more. Closing date for applications is 9.00am on Thursday 29 February.



World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

If you are a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Ranger your school has kindly said that to celebrate World Thinking Day you can wear your Girlguiding uniform to school on Thursday 22 February!

If you are interested in Girlguiding in Epsom please visit our website:
www.girlguidingepsom.org.uk



Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are also invited to wear their uniforms and school shoes, instead of school uniform on Thursday.