



15 April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information - Week Beginning 15.4.24

Please bring in a yogurt pot for our 'growing' activity.

Show and Tell is this **Thursday** for **the OLD Turquoise** groups in each class with the theme 'something I have made'.

Remember to bring a water bottle with a sports cap to school every day. These should be carried separately, and not be put into book bags. Please remember these should only contain plain water.

We hope you have all had a fantastic time during the school holidays and are feeling relaxed and refreshed ready for the summer term! The weather has been very mixed so please make sure your child has a waterproof coat at school every day, however brightly the sun is shining.

Your child will have a new group name this week so please ask them whether they are a caterpillar, ladybird, dragonfly, butterfly, spider or bee.

We are really excited to hear about everyone's holiday activities – it's wonderful to be back in class together. We have lots of interesting and fun things planned for the term to come. Summer is always a wonderful time in Reception with not only the world around us blossoming, but the children too!

This week's learning in Reception at a glance:

Learning question: What is the life cycle of a butterfly?

This week we will be starting some new learning all about 'The World Around Us', which will take us to the end of the school year. As well as having lots of opportunities to talk about our Easter holidays, we will start to think about the natural world and lifecycles.

We are sure you will be familiar with the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. This will be our inspiration this week which will encourage the children to think about and write about the lifecycle of a butterfly.

We will also be looking at the work of Pablo Picasso in art this week and having a go at adopting his style to create our own shape art.

The key learning and skills we will focus on are:

- Knowing that mistakes are an important part of learning
- Saying and writing short sentences using Fred fingers where needed
- Completing obstacle courses that demand a range of different movements
- Recognising and writing the numerals 0 – 20
- Observing and talking about seasonal changes
- Talking about how we will make a piece of art/creation before beginning
- Cutting out shapes following the outside line

- Recognising RWI red words on sight
- Understanding how information is shared in non-fiction books

Phonics

Most children are now confident with recognising all the single letter sounds, but there are one or two letters that can be a bit tricky.

Practice is the only way to get better at anything!

If your child tends to muddle up 'n' and 'm' you could watch these sound lessons a few times together to help them consolidate:

Sound 'n' <https://tinyurl.com/mw2d94xe>

Sound 'm' <https://tinyurl.com/553mrp4u>

If your child is confident with all the single letter sounds, they could practise some 'special friends':

Special friend 'ng' <https://tinyurl.com/yc8atajt>

Special friend 'ck' <https://tinyurl.com/2kwut9v9>

Reading

Please review all of the red words:

I, my, the, you, said, your, are, be, of, no, what, all, was, we, so

Concept Word

This week's concept word is: forwards

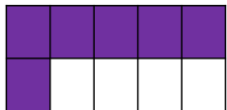


Help at home: in a safe space, walk in different directions – forwards and not forwards.

Maths

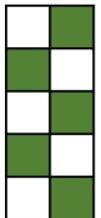
This week we will be practising recognising amounts when they are shown on a **ten frame**.

A ten frame is a 2 x 5 grid that provides an excellent structure for thinking about the numbers to 10, and helps us to think about the make up of numbers over 5.



It is easy to see 6 represented here as 5 and one more.

We can see that there are 5 green squares – if we imagine 'sliding' them into the same column the column would be full which is 5.



The parts are 3 and 3. The whole is 6.

By working with different representations of numbers, children develop a conceptual understanding of that amount meaning that they are confident to work with it to calculate/estimate/solve problems. They may use these representations mentally when thinking about calculating.

Show and Tell

Our theme for Show and Tell this half term is **'something I have made'**.

This is a great opportunity for your child to learn about the world around them and to get busy making – try to allow your child to come up with their own idea so that they enjoy the process. For example, your child might like to: make a factual poster about jungle animals/write a story/ build a vehicle using junk modelling/ collage/ paint/ make puppets/prepare some food etc.

The list is endless! If your child's creation is too difficult to bring into school a photo will be a good way of sharing it. You can either print this off or email it to your child's class teacher via parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk. Show and Tell is for the **OLD Turquoise group** on **Thursday**.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs McCarthy



For your calendar:

Thursday 18.4.24
9.15am – 10.15am

Open Morning for prospective families.

Please book [here](#) to visit our school and nursery.

Tuesday 23.4.24
PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale



8.30am – East Gate
 3.05pm – West Gate
 Every item is £1.00

Both cash and card payments welcome.

Coming up soon:

April		
Monday 15.4.24	8.35am	YN to Y6 – Nursery and school opens for the summer term
Tuesday 16.4.24	-	PTA Late Eid Bubble Bursting Celebration for children
Thursday 18.4.24	9.15am – 10.15am	Open Morning for prospective families. Please book here to visit our school and nursery
Friday 19.4.24 to Saturday 20.4.24	7.00pm – 8.00am	Y2 Sleepover at school
w/b 22.4.23	-	Golden Book Week
Tuesday 23.4.24	8.30am – East Gate 3.05pm – West Gate	PTA Second hand uniform sale
Thursday 25.4.24	7.00pm	Drama club performance of Annie Jnr.
Monday 29.4.24	-	Internal clubs start
Monday 29.4.24	Morning	Y5 Visit to Buddhapadipa Temple
Tuesday 30.4.24	8.35am – 9.00am	YR to Y6 Class Open Time – Option 1
May		
Wednesday 1.5.24	-	Class photographs for YN, Y5 and Y6
Wednesday 1.5.24	9.00am – 11.00am	Anxiety Workshop with Lesley Lane
Wednesday 1.5.24	8.00pm	PTA Meeting - The Blenheim Pub – All welcome
Thursday 2.5.24	8.35am – 9.00am	YR to Y6 Class Open Time – Option 2
Thursday 2.5.24	-	Class photographs for YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4
Thursday 2.5.24	9.00am – 10.00am	PTA Class Reps coffee morning with Mrs Druce Agenda: Summer term events

Reminders for you:

Monday 29.4.24

Internal clubs start.

Please see the [website](#) for the list of clubs taking place this term.

**YR – Y6 Class Open Time
8.35am – 9.00am**

Please choose one of the following dates to visit your child in class.

**Tuesday 30.4.24
or
Thursday 2.5.24**

**Wednesday 1 May 2024
9.00am – 11.00am**

Anxiety Workshop with Lesley Lane.

All welcome.
Lesley will be giving practical advice to help if your child is ever anxious.

Buckets and Spades

Mr Briggs and Mr Evans have been very busy over the holidays building this fantastic sandpit. If anyone has any buckets and spades at home that they would like to donate to the school, please do bring them to the school office.

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This stormtrooper wished they'd had a bucket and spade! If you have any spare that you'd be willing to donate, please bring them into school so we can use them in our new sandpit! Thank you to the PTA for funding this new addition to the Path of Adventures!

