



21 April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Reception Weekly Information – w/b 21.4.25

### PE day change

PE is now on **Thursday** every week for all Reception children.

Please check your child's **name labels** in their clothing and make sure their trainers still fit them. Remove **earrings** before school.

### Show and Tell

No Show and Tell this week  
We will continue with **the old Pentagon** groups **NEXT Friday**.

### Reminder

Please make sure you bring your **water bottle** to school every day. This must be a plastic sports capped bottle (non-spill) as per the uniform policy

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!

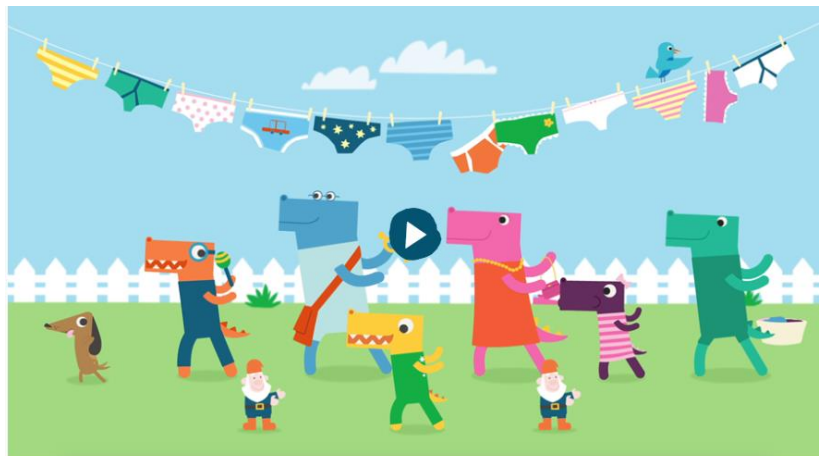
This week we will be introducing the children to the NSPCC 'Talk Pants' and the 'PANTS rule'. Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them. Children will learn they should tell a trusted adult if anything makes them feel upset or worried as part of keeping them safe. Please have a look at the website which has more information and a video which they will see at school:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

**What are the PANTS rules?**



- Privates are private +
- Always remember your body belongs to you +
- No means no +
- Talk about secrets that upset you +
- Speak up, someone can help +



## Learning Question of the week: What is the lifecycle of a plant?

This week we will be continuing to learn about 'The World Around Us'. We will be looking at the lifecycle of a plant and naming and labelling the parts of a plant.

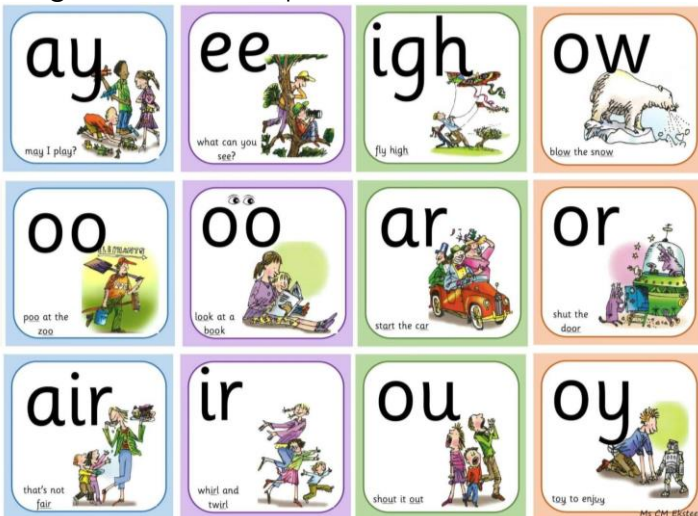
We will also look at the art of Pablo Picasso, particularly cubism. We will use shapes and lines to create our own art. We will be planting some cress seeds and watching them develop over the next couple of weeks. We will think about ideal growing conditions and what plants need to grow.

The key learning and skills we will focus on are:

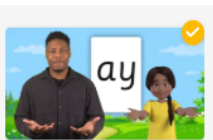
- Counting and representing amounts 10 – 20 using concrete resources and pictures
- Knowing that the only way to get better at something is to practise
- Recognising red words on sight
- Checking our sentences carefully
- Creating music with others, working in a group
- Understanding how information is shared in non-fiction books
- Dribbling a ball with feet, taking it in a chosen direction
- Placing items to be stuck with care, choosing where they should go
- Investigating plants and how they grow/taking care of plants in the school environment
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- Understanding how information is shared in non-fiction books

### Phonics

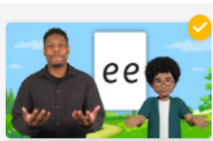
Now that we know all the single letter sounds and the first set of 'special friends', it's time to learn some more! The next set of sounds will give us a way to write all the 'long vowel' sounds plus a few more:



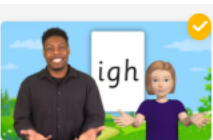
You can practise some here:



<https://tinyurl.com/3pdy9zu>



<https://tinyurl.com/3pfw8x7b>



<https://tinyurl.com/y858r2jj>

### Reading

These are the Red words we have covered so far:

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

Please help your child to recognise all of these words by sight. By now, the children should be really familiar with these red words. If not, please help them by sticking them up around your home in places they go to regularly.

These are very common words and you may be able to find them together in books that you share.

## Concept Word

This week's concept word is: shiny



**Help your child at home:** Look around the kitchen for things that are shiny, e.g. cutlery. When you are out shopping, look for shiny objects. Can you clean something until it is shiny?



## Maths

This week we will be focusing on one more and one less than a given number including using add and equals to write number sentences.

One more than:



$$1 + 1 = 2$$

'One more than' means to add one.

One more than:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

One more than 10 is 11.

Can you record the number sentence?

$$10 + 1 = 11$$

'One more than' means to add one.

## Show and Tell: Something I have made

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.

Show and Tell is for the **old Pentagon groups NEXT Friday**.

We hope you have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs Price



## For your calendar:

**Thursday 24.4.25**  
**8.45am – 9.45am**

PTA Class Reps Coffee Morning to discuss summer term events and planning for 2025 – 2026.

**Friday 2.5.25**  
**8.50am – 9.50am**

Coffee Morning for families whose children have a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND).

## Coming up soon:

April		
Monday 21.4.25	All day	Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed
Tuesday 22.4.25	8.35am	YN to Y6 – Nursery and school opens for the summer term
Wednesday 23.4.25	9.15am – 10.15am	Open Morning for prospective families. Please book <a href="#">here</a> to visit our school and nursery
Thursday 24.4.25	8.45am – 9.45am	PTA Class Reps coffee morning with Mrs Druce Agenda: Summer term events
Friday 25.4.25 to Saturday 26.4.25	7.00pm – 8.00am	Y2 Sleepover at school
w/b Monday 28.4.25	-	Internal clubs start
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Wednesday 30.4.25	7.00pm	Drama club performance of High School Musical - Option 1
May		
Thursday 1.5.25	7.00pm	Drama club performance of High School Musical – Option 2
Friday 2.5.25	8.50am – 9.50am	Coffee morning for families whose children have a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND)

## Reminders for you:

### Internal Clubs

Clubs start w/b 28.4.25.

Please remember to let the school know if your child is unable to make a session so the registers can be updated.

Thank you.

### PTA Second Hand Uniform Sales – every Friday morning 8.30am – 9.00am

In the Club House  
Every item is £1.00

Both cash and card payments welcome.

If you are coming from the West Gate, please ask a member of staff on duty to bring you to the South Gate. Unfortunately, you will not be able to access the West Gate to leave school afterwards. We are looking for more volunteers so that West Gate access is possible at the end too.

### Local Gardens and Litter

Please could you remind children not to run through the front gardens of our neighbours after school and to take snack wrappers home with them as some are being dropped.

Thank you.