



6 January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 6.1.20

Upcoming Dates

This Week:

- Please ensure that all PE kits and reading books are returned to school.

Next Week:

- Wednesday 15.1.20 at 9.00am – 10.00am - Reading Workshop for YR Parents/Carers

Have you Remembered?

Our new class groups are: White, Pink, Black, Orange and Purple

Show and Tell will begin on Thursday 16.1.20. We will start with **White group** and the theme is '**something I am proud of**'. Please remember that Show and Tell does not involve bringing in toys.

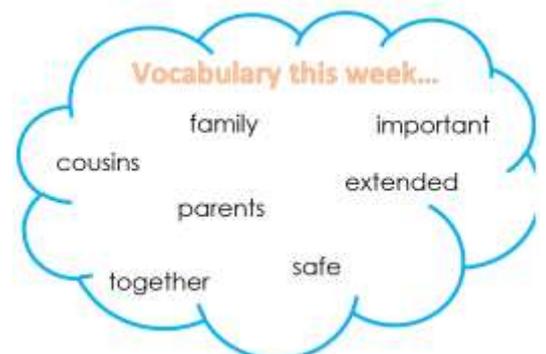
We would like to say a huge **thank you** on behalf of the whole team for the generous Christmas gifts we received at the end of last term. It was very kind of you – we love teaching your little ones and we were all very touched by the kind messages and gifts. It has been fantastic to hear all of the children's Christmas holiday news as we welcome them back from their break. We hope you had a lovely time with your families and friends over the festive period.

As you know, we endeavour to make transitions as smooth as possible for the children travelling through our school. In Reception we make small alterations to our timetable and activities through the year so that, by July, the children will be ready for the more formal learning environment in Year 1. Our routine for the first hour of the day changes a little at this point in the year.

Now that we have learnt all the single letter sounds in phonics we will move onto teaching digraphs. These are sounds written with two letters, for example ch, sh, th, ee and oo. We will learn our new sounds in class, then go into smaller groups each morning to practise reading using the skills we have learnt. These mixed-ability groups are led by the class teachers and the teaching assistants. With some careful timetabling we have managed to come up with a plan so that each group has only seven or eight children, meaning each child gets lots of practice packed into a short time every day. Experience has shown us that this is a very effective way to make sure every child develops the strong phonic skills which are vital for reading and writing.

Also this term we will join the rest of the school for a 'celebration' Assembly on Mondays and Tuesdays. The children will learn more about MindUp and will also do the Golden Run more regularly.

Our '**All About Me**' theme begins this week with the children thinking about who is in their family. We will be talking about the meaning of the word 'family' and how it can include the people who live at home as well as people who may live in different houses (or even in another country!) We will be producing artwork and writing all to do with our families throughout the week.



In phonics we will introduce two new digraphs: **ch** (as in chip, cheese, chug) and **sh** (as in sheep, ship, shop). It would be great if you could support your child in identifying two letters together that make just one sound, as well as continuing to recap all of the single letter sounds that we have already learnt. Our new tricky word is '**be**'. So far we have learnt the tricky words: '**I, the, to, go, no, into, he, she, we** and **me**'. Can you spot these words straight away? Can you spell them correctly?

In maths we will deepen our knowledge of '**more than**' and '**less than**' when comparing two amounts. We aim to recognise 'more' and 'less' when looking at organised objects, unorganised objects and digits (i.e without counting). We will also record our understanding in different ways such as using counters, writing digits on whiteboards or holding a number fan. We continue to have our daily maths meetings and this week's 2d shape is the **triangle**.

The image contains several educational cards:

- Less means a smaller, or littler amount**
- More means a bigger, or greater amount**
- Equal means the same amount**
- A card asking "Which has more?" with two boxes containing the numbers **5** and **10**.
- A card asking "Which has more?" with two rows of cars: 5 red cars and 4 blue cars. Below them are bars representing 5 and 4. A text box says: "Red has more than blue because 5 is more than 4."
- A card asking "Which has more?" with a grid of 5 red triangles and 4 blue triangles. A text box says: "Red has more than blue because 10 is more than 5."
- A speech bubble: "Use your counter to show which has more - red or blue"
- A speech bubble: "How many of each colour are there?"

Show and Tell starts next week. The first group will be the **White** group across all classes on **Thursday 16 January**. The theme for show and tell is 'something I am proud of', for example: a photo of your child learning how to ride their bike, a piece of artwork they have created, a photo of swimming without armbands, a project they have been working on.

You will have seen in the Dates for Diaries that we are holding a **Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers on Wednesday 15.1.20 at 9.00am - 9.45am**. This will be held in the Studio and will cover strategies and ideas for supporting your child as they learn to read. Everyone is welcome to come along – including childminders/nannies and grandparents if they are interested. Younger children can be brought along to this if they are able to be quietly entertained so that everyone can listen to the information.

Have a good week,

Miss Verlander, Mrs Vidal, Mrs Ball and Mrs Temlett



Messages from the Office

School Lunches

If your child would like a school lunch, please remember to book for this term, thank you.

Chicken Pox

Please be advised, we have had a number of children off today with chicken pox. If your child

has red spots or red blister looking spots please contact your GP. Please see the NHS website for further guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Chickenpox/>

Internal, teacher led clubs

Just a reminder that all internal clubs start from next week.

External Clubs

Unlike 'Internal Clubs' which are run by school staff, please remember that Externally-run Clubs run by companies or individuals are responsible for registering and dismissing pupils from their own clubs. Please inform the club directly if there are any special arrangements for collection or if your child is going to be absent from the club. Due to data protection regulations, we cannot pass on children's details or personal information that the school holds to external club providers.

Board Games

If you have any unwanted games at home that could be used at Table Top Games club, please could you send them into the office for the attention of Mrs Spooner, many thanks.

Extended Services Fees

If your child/ren attend Extended Services, please be reminded that as per the Extended Services Terms and Conditions fees are due today.

Coming up soon:

January		
Monday 6.1.20	8.40am	YN - Y6 School opens for children
Wednesday 8.1.20	9.15am – 10.20am	School and Nursery open morning for prospective Parents/Carers
Thursday 9.1.20	8.00pm	PTA Meeting at The Cricketers pub – everyone is welcome
w/b Monday 13.1.20	-	Internal clubs start this week
Tuesday 14.1.20	-	Y2 - Y6 Homework Passports sent home
Wednesday 15.1.20	9.00am – 10.00am	YR Parents/Carers – Reading Workshop
Thursday 16.1.20	8.40am – 5.00pm	Y6 visit to the V&A Museum