



17 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 17.5.21

Have you remembered?

- School uniform should now be as listed in the policy. If your child is wearing a **school summer dress** they should wear white socks with it. Grey socks or tights are to be worn with all other uniform.
- All hair that is shoulder length or longer should be fully tied back at school – half-up half-down styles aren't suitable.

What a fantastic week we had in Reception last week. The children were very excited to be welcomed by butterflies on Monday morning! It was wonderful to see their excitement and amazement as they investigated this incredible change. The butterflies were successfully released into the wild by the children on Friday.

Another very exciting event last week, was the reopening of our fantastic woodwork zone. The children put their creativity and fine motor skills to the test as they began to construct their own models using the skills that they learnt earlier in the year. We planted our cress seeds and the children have been patiently monitoring their growth, whilst learning about how to look after plants and what happens when a seed is planted.

This week's learning in Reception at a glance:

The World Around Us – Birds and Nests

This week we have a new learning focus – birds and nests.

The children will be looking for birds this week and making tallies to record what they see. We will think about the life and growth of birds and the things they need to survive. We will look carefully at how nests are made and will be using resources we gather at Forest School to build our own nests.

Our woodwork centre will be in action again this week and more children will have the opportunity to design and make their own models using the skills and tools they are already familiar with.

Phonics

In phonics we are reviewing our phase 3 sounds. We aim to recognise the sounds on sight, spot them and read them in words, and begin to use them to write words.

The sounds are: '**qu**' (as in quick) and '**ow**' (as in now) and '**ar**' (as in park)

Please continue to practise the sounds at home – it is fantastic to see the progress that is being made both during the phonics sessions and when the children read.

Reading

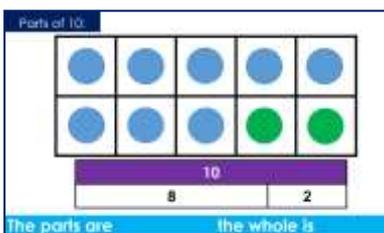
We will be recapping the tricky words we have already covered:

I, the, to, go, no, into, he, she, we, me, be, you, are, was, all, they, my, her, said, have.

A good way to help your child to recognise tricky words is to make cards with each of the tricky words on and stick them in various places around the house. You could choose two to work on at a time and stick them up by the table where they eat their breakfast, or on the wall next to their bed to practise first thing in the morning and last at night. Once they have the hang of those you could add another and so on.

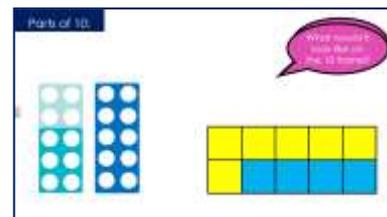
Maths

This week we will be thinking about 2-digit numbers with a special focus on 10.



We will be looking at the parts of 10 – these can be called **number bonds to 10**.

Knowing them with confidence is vital to support addition into 2-digit numbers and beyond.



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 minibeasts/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 **Spiders** group on **Thursday 20 May**.

The other groups will have a turn in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Miss Larcombe, Mrs Temlett and Mrs Vidal



Messages from the Office

Staffing update for RL and 4B

We are pleased to announce that Mrs McCarthy will be RL's new teacher after half term and our INSET day, and that Miss Larcombe's last day, before her maternity leave is Friday 28.5.21.

Mrs McCarthy has been teaching in 4B whilst Mrs Peters has been completing a phased return to work after Long COVID.

Before Mrs McCarthy taught 4B, she was a reception teacher for many years at Stamford Green so she is very familiar with the year group and loves the foundation stage!

Mrs Peters will be the substantive teacher for 4B after May half term and she has absolutely loved teaching them with Mrs McCarthy recently.

From tomorrow, whilst Mrs Peters is with 4B, Mrs McCarthy will visit RL daily and get to know the children so that there is a smooth transition and Miss Larcombe will also be sharing each child's successes and next steps with Mrs McCarthy before she leaves.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to chat to me when I'm on duty by the Poetry Garden in the morning or alternatively please email. parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk

I know you will join me in wishing all three teachers well with their new endeavours after half term.

Mrs Druce

Hello Parents,

I would like to introduce myself too you all. I am Mrs McCarthy and I will be covering Mrs Larcombe's class from after half term when she goes off on her maternity leave. I have to say I was delighted when Mrs Druce asked me to help as my last teaching post at SGPS was in Reception, before I returned to South Africa in 2017 to take care of my elderly parents. I am very much looking forward to being back in Reception and getting to know all the children in RL and the year group. I know it's going to be a fun filled six weeks with a trip to the British Wildlife Centre and our sports afternoon to end the school year off on a happy note.



Best wishes,

Mrs McCarthy

Car Park Reminder

You may have noticed that there is a chain link fence in the staff car park to direct people along to the pavement in the car park. This is to keep everyone safe, as the car park may well still be in use during the morning and afternoon pick up staggered timings. Please can we implore that parents/carers model safe behaviour and use the pavement, which will in turn help your children to learn good habits, which they can then transfer to road safety outside of the school premises. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter and hopefully the rain will stay away so there are no more large puddles!

PTA 200 Club – Muffin Day – Friday 21 May

2F and 4W are the winners of the muffin day for the first 200 Club Winner so can come into school in home clothes. Please make sure shoes are appropriate for a day at school.

PTA Here Comes the Sun - Sunflower Competition

Don't forget to order your seeds before tomorrow at 10.00am.

Coming up soon:

May		
Monday 17.5.21	All day	1MV's Virtual Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultation
Wednesday 19.5.21	All day	YN – Miss Baker and 5B's Virtual Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultation
Thursday 20.5.21	All day	3HS, 4V's and 6L's Virtual Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultation
Friday 21.5.21	All day	YN – Mrs Hughes, 3S and 4B's Virtual Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultation
w/b Monday 24.5.21	-	Golden Book week
Tuesday 25.5.21	After school	YN and YR PTA Doughnut Sale East and West Gates
Wednesday 26.5.21	All day	YN Pirate/Princess dress up day
Wednesday 26.5.21	After school	Y1 and Y2 PTA Doughnut Sale East and west Gates

Thursday 27.5.21	9.00am	Fundraiser – Bag2school collection – More details in letter dated 11.5.21
Thursday 27.5.21	After school	Y3 and Y5 PTA Doughnut Sale East and West Gates
Friday 28.5.21	After school	Y4 and Y6 PTA Doughnut Sale East and west Gates
Friday 28.5.21	-	Half term holiday starts – school closes at usual times
June		
Monday 7.6.21	All day	INSET – Training day for staff – No School or Nursery for children