

## Reception Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

This week, to end our transport topic, we listened to the story 'Whatever Next'. We discussed how the little bear was pretending to go to the moon and what resources he used to make a rocket and a space suit.

We looked at pictures of the moon and planets in space. We identified Earth as the planet where we live. We enjoyed drawing pictures of space, planets, meteors and rockets and some attempted to write key words using their phonics knowledge.

We introduced the vocabulary 'space' and 'astronaut' and discussed what they mean. Throughout the week, we encouraged the children to use these words during their play.

In Phonics, we learnt the sounds 'i' and 'h' and the tricky word 'so'. As your child learns more sounds and words it is important to read at home every day with your child and write a comment in their reading diaries every time you listen to them. If your child finds it tricky to blend, please play oral blending games at home (watch the oral blending video on Tapestry). In maths, we have been learning about squares and rectangles. We used the words corners, equal, long and short to describe the shapes and to distinguish between squares and rectangles. We also learned a song about shapes!

During our circle time, we have been looking at our Christmas decorations and we enjoyed talking about how we celebrate Christmas. The children learned new Christmas traditions as everyone celebrates Christmas in a different way.

During continuous provision, we enjoyed wrapping presents, designing toys and writing letters to Santa in our Santa's workshop area.

### This week's Makaton sign is:

Wait



### This week's key vocabulary is:

- Space
- Astronaut

### Doodle Maths Star of the Week:

**Holly Class:** Ellie

**Willow Class:** Sophie



### Home learning:

- Please watch the video on Tapestry explaining the home learning focus for this week.
- Practise reading and writing at home.

**We do expect all children to complete their home learning every week.**



## NOTICES:

**Practise at home** – Please teach your child how to zip their coats independently.

**Pick up Time** – As more children are bringing their scooters/bikes we will dismiss them in a separate line. Please do not call your child but wait for a member of staff to dismiss them.

**Scooters/bikes** – We kindly ask that your child wears a helmet when riding their scooter/bike to school.

**Christmas** – During the next weeks we are talking about Christmas and how we celebrate it. If you celebrate Christmas please send us a photo of your Christmas decorations and tell us how you celebrate Christmas.

**Doodle Maths** - Please encourage your child to sign up to doodle maths where they can practice their maths skills independently. We will be giving out weekly certificates for children who win the most stars in their class.

**P.E.** – On your child's P.E day they should wear a grey tracksuit (trousers and jumper) and trainers. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is named.

Holly Class	Willow Class
Thursday	Friday

**School Uniform and Shoes** – We do understand that your child may wear wellies when walking to school if it is raining, however we do expect your child to change to their school shoes when entering their classroom. Please ensure that your child is wearing their full school uniform every day.

**Reading folder** – Children should bring their reading folder to school every day. Books of interest are changed every Thursday and we read with the children throughout the week.

**Packed Lunches** – Please be aware that we are a nut and sesame free school due to allergies. Please do not send any products containing sesame or nuts in your child's packed lunch.

**Illness** – If your child has any of the three Covid-19 symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste) they need to self-isolate for 10 days or return to school with a negative test result (send a copy of the result to the office).

We thank you, as always, for your continuing support.  
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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