

Reception Newsletter

21st January 2021

A big thank you to all the parents. All of our children are completing their school work and learning activities throughout the week. It has been lovely to watch all the videos!

This week we have listened to the story 'Zog and the Flying Doctors'. We discussed what doctors and nurses do to help us and the children loved role playing doctors. We also learned about X-rays, germs and how to keep our bodies healthy.

During our circle time, the children retold a past experience of going to the doctors/hospital speaking in full sentences. We also looked at the different objects that doctors use and learned their names and use.

In Maths, we have been comparing the mass of different objects using a balance scale. The children enjoyed pretending to be a human balance scale and then they made their own balance scales at home using different materials.

In school, the children have spent a lot of time outside and loved exploring our new giant numicon to explore numbers and counting. They have also played in our construction and mud kitchen areas.

The children continued to enjoy our live music lessons. It was great to see the children engaging in the music lessons from home. Just be mindful that background noise interferes with the lesson and the children cannot hear Miss Knuckey. We kindly ask you to ensure that your microphone is mute at home.

Miss Cooper has been listening to the children reading at home and we are very pleased with their reading progress! Most children are very confident reading CVC words and simple captions/sentences. Please keep practising at home every day!

This week's Makaton sign is:

Stop



This week's key vocabulary is:

- Surgery
- Stethoscope
- Appointment

Doodle Maths Star of the Week:

Holly Class: Mia

Willow Class: Seth

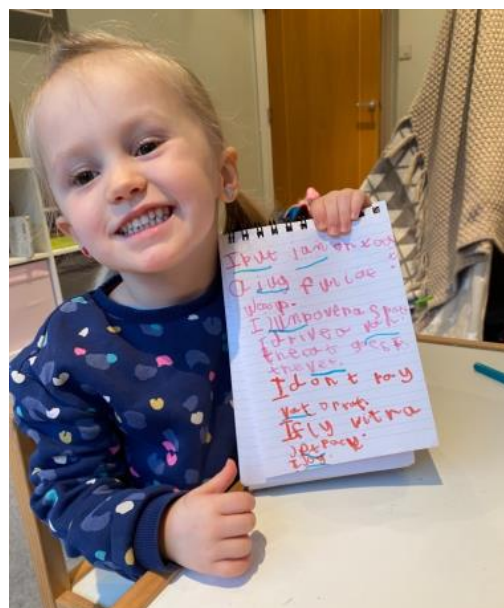


Remote learning:

- Please watch our daily videos on Tapestry and upload your child's work – 1 observation for each video.

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





NOTICES:

Teachers in school – During remote learning reception will be working as a group. This is not new to the children as we have always worked as a team and all the children know both reception teachers and TA's. The children are used to free flow between both classes and working with all the adults in reception. To give the children the best learning opportunities and access to different resources and learning materials we have decided to alternate the classroom where we are based every week, as well as the leading teacher for the week. Both TA's will be in school supporting children in school and remote learning.

Parent communication – We do understand that the current changes may raise concerns to you. Please remember if you have any questions or concerns you should first contact your child's class teacher followed by the EYFS leader. We are happy to discuss our remote and in school learning arrangements and any other questions that may arise.

Remote Learning: We expect an observation uploaded on Tapestry for each of the daily videos and we will be giving personalised feedback to each observation.

In addition, we are expecting children to access:

- Doodle maths
- Phonics play
- Engage with their weekly music lesson
- Board games
- Practising cutting and letter formation, such as writing their names
- Practising independent skills such as, getting dressed independently, cutting food and becoming aware of when they should drink and go to the toilet independently.
- Completing some house chores such as setting the table, tidying up their toys and helping prepare meals
- Having daily discussions with parents about their learning using full sentences and our key vocabulary.

P.E. – If your child is attending school their PE day is on Thursday.

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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