

Reception Newsletter

9th September 2021

It was great to welcome the children into school for their Reception year.

The children have all been amazing at coming into the school with their teachers and are settled in their classes.

Over this week, the children have become familiar with their classrooms, routines, teachers and friends as they engage in a variety of child-led activities.

We introduced our topic for the first term 'Who am I?' and the children enjoyed sharing their all about me boxes with their teachers and friends.

In English the children listened to the story 'Only One You' and were introduced to story maps to support them retelling the story.

In Phonics, we revisited and consolidated oral blending before we start our phonics programme next week.

In Mathematics, we revisited sorting and matching. The children enjoyed listening to the story 'Monkey Puzzle' and matching the baby animals to their families. Some children independently chose to sort toys by colour, shape or size during continuous provision.

This week the children had their first Mini-Woodies session. They began to learn how to change their clothes for outdoor learning and were introduced to the safety rules in the Mini-Woodies area before being able to explore the area.

It was a fun first week!

This week's Makaton sign is:



Exciting Words of the Week:

- Attempt
- Altitude
- Nervous
- Temperature
- Summit

This week's Number focus:

4









NOTICES:

Curriculum Evening – Reception Curriculum evening Monday 13th September at 4pm via Google Classroom. Please find your child's emoji log in on their reading record.

All About Me forms – Please complete your child's all about me form and send it back to school by the end of next week.

Waterproofs and wellies – Each child should have their own waterproof overalls (top and bottom) and wellies labelled to access play outside in all weather conditions.

Spare clothes – Each child should have their own set of spare clothes (top, bottom, underwear and socks) labelled in school. Please label all clothes and shoes.

Water bottles – Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Practice at home – In reception we promote autonomy and independence throughout the day, please practice at home how to open lunch bags, yogurt pots, put on coats and bags.

P.E. – Will start after October half-term.

Snack – We offer a rolling snack cafe in the afternoons. This consists of fruit, milk and water. Please do not send any additional snack in.

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.

School Book Bag – In Reception children will be bringing home reading books therefore children need to have a book bag which is big enough to store the book and reading folder in. The most suitable bag is the school book bag as it is easy for the child to carry and to fit A4 books in. Please do not send your child with a rucksack.

Instagram Account – Claygate Primary School has a dedicated Instagram account for EYFS. Please follow us and see what our EYFS children are learning.

@claygate_primary_school_eyfs

Parent communication – 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 any questions that may arise regarding your child's learning.

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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