

## Reception Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

This week we have been focusing our learning about our five senses.

In English, we listened to the story 'Brown Bear' and the children tasted different fruits and used descriptive vocabulary to describe their taste. The children used full sentences to explain which was their favourite and least favourite fruit and why.

In Phonics, we learned the phonemes 'h', 'b', 'l', 'f' and the tricky word 'the'. We blended and segmented the phonemes together to read and write different words such as 'luck', 'bed', 'fun', 'hug', 'rub' and 'back'. We continue to practise letter formation of individual phonemes/diagraphs. We encourage all the children to use their phoneme fingers to sound out the words before they wrote them. This will give them the confidence to attempt writing independently. When practising writing at home please do not spell words or allow your child to copy words.

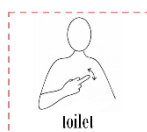
As the children are learning four new phonemes every week, it is really important that they practise with the flashcards and reading sheets every day. Please write in their reading journals the phonemes practised/words read and how your child is able to read/recall phonemes.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about comparing numbers 1, 2 and 3. We began by listening to the story 'Goldilocks' and looking at numbers in the story. The children represented the numbers using numicon, cubes and dots and then compared the quantity to find out which number was greater or smaller.

In Mini-Woodies, the children learned about conkers. They talked about what conkers are, which tree they come from and how to play a conkers game. The children enjoyed exploring the seasonal change and looking for autumn signs.

### This week's Makaton sign is:

Toilet



### Exciting Words of the Week:

- Heartbroken
- Successful
- Declare
- Hectic
- Transference

**This week's Number focus:**

2

**CPS Published Authors of the Week:**

Liberty  
Anya

**Home Learning:**

- Practise writing your name – lower case
- Practise phonics flashcards and reading daily – new phonemes/words given out on Fridays
- Doodle Maths – complete the assigned task









## NOTICES:

Miss Dias and Miss Spalton-Woods are the responsible teachers for all reception children. Miss Gardner is teaching some of the lessons in Willow Class and Miss Dias is teaching phonics everyday as well as listening to children read and popping in throughout the day to ensure the high quality of teaching, learning and provision in Reception.

As a team we communicate daily about the day, learning and the children. We also ensure that all messages/concerns are shared between teachers and support staff.

**Next topic** – Next term Nursery and Reception will be learning about people who help us. We would like to invite parents who help in the community to come and talk about their job to the children. We will be learning about doctors, nurses, carers, dentists, police officers, waste collectors, post people, shop assistants and vets. Please contact us with your availability.

**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 every day in school. Please support us in teaching your child to understand when they need to drink water and to be independent with their self-care.

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

**P.E.** – Will start after October half-term. Holly Class will be on Tuesday and Willow Class will be on Wednesday.



**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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## CPS COVID Update from Mrs Cunningham

This week I have spoken to Public Health England. PHE advice continues to be that pupils should isolate if they have Covid symptoms. They should book a PCR test and isolate until a result is received. Siblings without symptoms do not need to isolate. Elmbridge infection rates are higher than the national average so it is important that we are vigilant.

PHE did suggest we remind you that all household members that are aged 11 and over should continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.

*'Instructions for people who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 (tested positive or symptomatic awaiting a test result)*

*From 16 August, **you will not be required to self-isolate** if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and any of the following apply:*

- *you are fully vaccinated*
- ***you are below the age of 18 years 6 months***
- *you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial*
- *you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons'*

Public Health England

PHE suggested we contact our school nurse and I met her this week. She, like PHE, commented that the number of cases at CPS is small in comparison to other settings. She agreed with our actions, which include staff distancing, minimising visitors and using virtual meetings where possible, as well as the in school measures I have previously shared with you. We were commended on how proactive we have been.

We appreciate that this is a worrying time for all and we ask all parents to continue to be proactive, both in testing and keeping the school informed.

Currently, we have a total of 16 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the school.

Here's a reminder of when it is appropriate to take PCR and Lateral Flow tests.

**HM Government**

**NHS Test and Trace**

### Covid-19 Testing

**With symptoms**

'PCR' tests

**When to take the test**

- If you have Covid-19 symptoms
- To confirm your positive lateral flow test result

**How long it takes**

- These tests are processed in labs
- Up to 3 days, most results the next day

**Get a test**

- At home
- At a test site

**Without symptoms**

'rapid lateral flow' tests

**When to take the test**

- If you do not have symptoms of Covid-19
- As part of routine testing twice a week

**How long it takes**

- Result processed by test device
- Around 30 minutes

**Get a test**

- At home
- At a test site
- At work
- At your nursery
- At your secondary school
- At your university
- Collect from a pharmacy
- Order online

**Find out more at GOV.UK or call 119**