

## Reception Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

This week we have been focusing our learning about autumn and seasonal changes. The children enjoyed going on an autumn walk around the school looking for signs of autumn and discussing the changes.

In English, we listened to the story 'We are going on a leaf hunt' and the children learned key vocabulary to describe different leaves and trees. They drew pictures of their autumn walk and attempted to write a simple sentence using their phonics knowledge.

In Phonics, we recapped all phonemes and tricky words learned this term. The children read and wrote simple captions such as 'the sun is hot', 'I hug mum' and 'big fat rat'. During half-term please support your child by practising flashcards daily and reading some CVC words randomly.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about comparing numbers 1, 2 and 3. They investigated different ways to make numbers 2 and 3 and that numbers are made of smaller numbers.

In Mini-Woodies, the children looked for signs of autumn in the woodland area. The children decided to pick different coloured leaves and chose to sort the leaves by colour.

### This week's Makaton sign is:

Please



### Exciting Words of the Week:

- Abundance
- Appetite
- Domestic
- Extract
- Snubbed

### This week's Number focus:

6

### CPS Published Authors of the Week:

Amelie  
Edward

### 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





### **Message from Mrs Cunningham:**

*Have a wonderful, restful half term break! This has been a super first half term and it has been lovely getting to know your children! They have settled well and bonded as a year group. One of the highlights of my week is visiting Reception for Celebration Assembly!*

*Some children have also received the prestigious award of 'Published Author' - children selected across the school have their work shared on our Writing Wow Wall in the main corridor. Once removed, this will be sent home for you to share too! At CPS we encourage a Growth Mindset and celebrate Marvellous Mistakes; we know we learn through our mistakes and need to be resilient when faced with a challenge. We will introduce 'Marvellous Mathematicians' next half term and this too will be displayed on our Marvellous Mathematician Wall with other children's learning across the school.*

### **NOTICES:**

Please note we return to school Tuesday 2 November as Monday 1 November is an INSET Day for staff training.

Friendship Week 15-19 November we will be talking about how to be a good to friend across the school. In Reception we will focus on friends in our community who help us. We will also be thinking about tolerance and how we should recognise and celebrate our uniqueness. On 15 November we will wear odd socks (£1 donation) to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

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 every day as well as listening children to 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 and ensure that all messages/concerns are shared between teachers and support staff.

**Special Diet Requests** – Please note that in accordance with the ParentMail and information sent previously, from 1<sup>st</sup> November we only be able to serve special diet meals to those pupils whose application for special diets has been processed through Twelve15 website. If you haven't done this and your child requires a special diet (religious reasons, allergies, etc) please provide your child with a packed lunch or get in touch with our caterers on <https://itstwelve15.co.uk/allergies/>

**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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