



# Reception Newsletter



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Welcome to our first Reception Newsletter.

We are super proud of all of the children for settling into school life so quickly. Our room has been full of smiles, laughter and happy little conversations and it has been so lovely getting to know each one of them. Thank you for your help in the mornings, in encouraging the children to come into the classroom independently, we think the children (and yourselves) have been super brave!

If you would like to see more detailed information about what the children will be learning in class, please refer to our class page on the school website, where you will find a detailed overview in our EYFS Curriculum Map.

We are hoping to set up a new communications tools called Seesaw, which will replace our existing app Tapestry. Please bear with me as I set this up, more details will follow soon.

## What have we been up to this week?

- Learning the school routines.
- We took little tours around the school and got to say hello to some of the bigger children.
- Making new friends.
- We used mirrors and described how we looked. We then painted beautiful self-portraits.
- We read 'The Colour Monster' and have been learning to recognise our feelings and use emotional language to describe how we feel.
- We talked about our families and drew beautiful pictures (these are now on display in the classroom)
- Learning our school prayers.
- We took part in our very first PE lesson – Mr Seuke said we were fantastic!

## Phonics

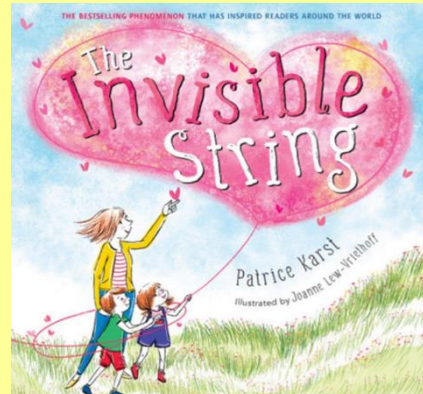
This week we have learned these sounds: **s a t p**

Please refer to our class page on the school website for more information about phonics.

## Next week we will be...

- Learning about our golden rules; kind hands, kind feet, kind words, kind faces.
- Learning the sounds; **i n m d**
- Continuing to learn how to use resources in the classroom.
- Carrying out government baseline assessments (RBA)
- Learning to write our names with a capital letter at the start only.
- Reading, sharing and exploring the scripture of Genesis 1 the Creation.

## Recommended Books



## Important Reminders

### Snacks

We have a daily fruit snack of which fruit is provided (it is a different variety each day). If your child will only eat certain fruits we are happy for you to send in a fruit (or veg) snack from home in a named pot please.

### Nuts

Due to allergies, we are a strictly nut free school so please do not send any nut products or products with traces of nuts into school.

### Tissues

Runny nose season seems to be upon us already and we seem to have a 'super cold' spreading through the class already! We would really appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues.

### Birthdays

A few of you have already approached us regarding birthdays and the sending in of cakes and sweets. We have children in our cohort with food allergies so we would like to avoid this if at all possible. If you would like your child to bring in something to celebrate their birthday (this is not compulsory whatsoever), we would happily accept a small gift for our classroom. This could be a book, puzzle, game etc. I will happily make up a list of items to choose from if it helps, but again this is optional and just an idea.