

# Reception Newsletter

## Friday 10th September 2021



It has been great meeting all our children as they return to school; and we are so proud that the children are settling well into their reception classes. We look forward to a wonderful year!

For your diary  
16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Keeping in touch meeting  
A Zoom link for the meeting will be sent to you nearer the day.

**Our topic this half term is**

**'Do you want to be friends?'**

This term we are going to explore friendship. We are going to think about how to help each other, how to be kind, and the people who help us in our community.



### Social distancing and one way system

Thank you so much to everyone who has been patient with us while we try to get the children into school safely and calmly while maintaining a one-way system and social distancing. Everyone has done a fantastic job! Please be prompt dropping and collecting your reception children, then carrying on following the arrows to leave the playground safely. Please keep safe space while waiting to collect your child.

### A gentle reminder

The children need to bring their own named water bottle.



Fruit is available daily. So please do **NOT** send in snacks for your child.

### Important reminders...

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Their polo shirt and sweatshirt/cardigan needs to have the school logo on and they must wear black shoes with velcro straps, not laces as they cannot do them up yet. Please make sure you have written your child's name on ALL their school uniform clothing items. This includes their sweatshirt, polo shirt, trousers, skirts, summer dress, coat, shoes and book bag.

Please encourage your child to get dressed and undressed independently.

### Packed lunch



We have a busy day in Reception and children need a healthy lunch. If your child has a packed lunch, please make sure it is healthy. No chocolate (e.g. Nutella) or sweets or juice, please. Also we are nut-free school.

All parents can apply for milk online <http://www.coolmilk.com>

## Phonics

Next week we are going to start our phonics lessons, we will learn the sounds **s, a, t, p**.

Here is a phonics song video that the children can watch.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PmB3SIjNdQ>

Then can you help your child to think of words that begin with those sounds?

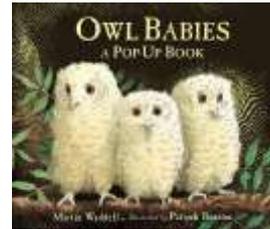
For example, can you play an 'I spy' game with your child?

"I spy with my little eye, something that begins with 'sssss'."

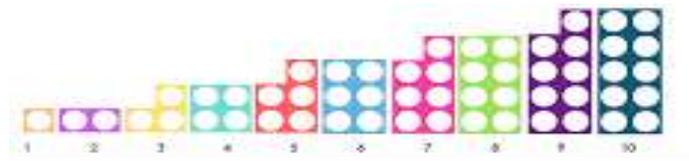


## Literacy

Next week we will read 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We are going to draw/paint/make a model of the owls and talk about what the owl babies said in the story.



## Maths



In maths, next week we are going to learn how to count up to 10. E.g can you count 5 apples/bananas? Can you count 10 jumps? Can you count any number of claps? How many is that?

We will also say the numbers to 10 – E.g can you whisper, shout, growl, or squeak the numbers to 10?

Next week we will start looking for children to receive certificates for our achievement assemblies on a Thursday. We will be looking for children who try hard with their learning, good manners, being a role model, having kind hands and those who try hard to keep our classrooms and playground tidy.

We hope to be able to inform you of the class email addresses next week so that you can keep in touch with the class teacher when necessary.

We care about your child's wellbeing and will try to help in any way we can to ensure your child is safe and happy at school.

Have a lovely weekend!

