

# Reception Newsletter Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Important dates:

The half term week begins: **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. Children return to school on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**.

The Reception keeping in touch workshop will take place on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** at 11.00am.

## Absence from school

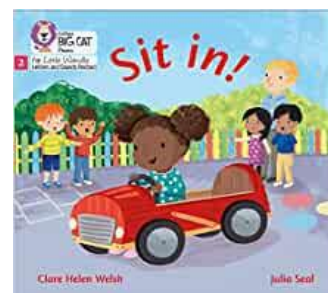
If your child is going to be out of school for any reason, please ring the school office before 8:00am on the first day of the absence stating reasons for absence.

Tel: 0208 6897684



All children need a waterproof coat with a hood, and preferably one that zips up. They love to be outside learning in all kinds of weather and a warm coat helps them to do this.  
Thank you.

Please make sure that any reading books are returned to school by **Tuesday** each week.



We are still unable to have long conversations about your child's progress because of Covid restrictions, but if you have any queries or questions for your child's teacher, please use the class email below. We will respond within 24 hours.

**Briggs Class:** [briggsclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:briggsclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk)

**Donaldson class :** [donaldsonclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:donaldsonclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk)

**Hargreaves class:** [hargreavesclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:hargreavesclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk)

**Seuss class:** [seussclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:seussclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk)



If you have any knickers or pants in good condition that your children have grown out of, please consider donating them to school. Accidents do happen especially when the weather is cold and we are running out of underwear to change children into. We also welcome tights and smaller sizes of trousers and jogging bottoms. Thank you!



## Attendance

w/e: 4/2/22

Hargreaves: 92.7%

Seuss: 87.8%

Donaldson: 86.8%

Briggs: 98%

## Achievement Certificates

**Hargreaves: Whole class**

**Seuss: Narmeen and Eden**

**Donaldson: Ayla and Kwame**

**Briggs: Mamadou and Hassan**

## Phonics

In light of our phonics assessments, a big well done to all of our lovely children for making amazing progress with their phonics this term! Keep up the great work and remember to practise lots at home.

The week we return to school, we will be reviewing our Phase 3 GPCs. These are the sounds we will be looking at again: 'ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, **oo**, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er'.

Have a go at reading and saying these sounds. Do you remember any words with these sounds in them? What is a digraph? What is a trigraph?

Have a go at blending these words:

r-ai-n

d-ee-p

l-igh-t

g-oa-t

m-oo-n

b-oo-k

h-ar-d

b-or-n

c-ur-l

t-ow-n

s-oi-l

h-ear

ch-air

l-a-dd-er

Now have a go at reading this sentence: **The cat has a ribbon on its tail.**

Remember to look out for any digraphs/trigraphs in words and any tricky words! Can you spot any? Try to sound out in your head.

**Please keep practising blending words and look out for the homework on Fridays.**

## Literacy

Next term our new topic will be 'Are carrots orange?'. This topic focuses on growing, food and changes.

In preparation for our new topic, have a listen to this song about growing plants, fruits and vegetables:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdBPH7Dj1bc>

Can you think about and discuss:

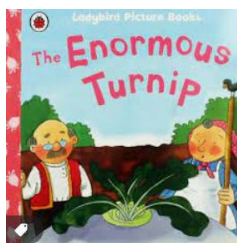
- Where does your food come from?
- How do plants grow?

The week we return to school, we will be looking at the story 'The Enormous Turnip'. Watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGw5yTOPTSQ>

Have a think about and discuss:

- Where is the setting of the story?
- Who are the characters?
- What happens to the turnip?



## Maths

The week we return to school, we will be exploring the concept of weight. We will begin to compare two items and learn how balance scales, discussing which item is **lighter** or **heavier**.



We will introduce the vocabulary **larger, bigger, heavy, heavier, heaviest, light, lighter, equal, balanced**.

Did you know that a balancing scale is like a seesaw? The heavier person or object tips down and the lighter one goes up!

Have a look around, what can you see that might be **heavy** and what can you see that might be **light**?

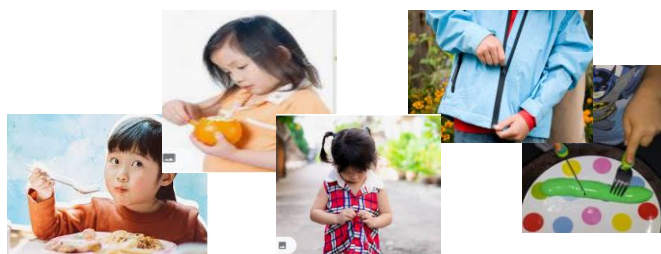


Why does the scale with the elephant on it tip down?

## Independent skills

Please practise these skills at home with your child to help them develop their independence and motor skills.

1. Hanging up coats
- 2.. Zipping up coats
3. Putting scarves and gloves away
4. Putting gloves on
5. Putting shoes on the correct feet
6. Peeling fruits like bananas and oranges
7. Using a knife and fork to eat a meal
8. Putting the lids on pens



## Important Messages

**A huge thank you for all of your donations to the NSPCC Charity during NSPCC Number Day last week! We raised £216.27 and the children enjoyed all of the fun Maths activities very much.**

**Thank you for participating in our Dress to Express Friday for Children's Mental Health Week! We were very pleased to see them walking into their classes with confidence, wearing their favourite clothes with their faces beaming.**

**Have a lovely half term break everyone! Remember to practise reading and complete lots of lovely work during the break too.**

We have a breakfast club, it runs from 7.45am – 8.45am Monday to Friday, so book your place as soon as possible through the office if you would like your child to attend.

Do you have a 3-year-old or know someone with a 3-year-old? Or does your child turn 3 this year? We have spaces in our Nursery. Visit the office for an application form. We look forward to welcoming more children to the Winterbourne family.

Throughout the term, the children will have opportunities for activities such as arts & crafts, tasting etc. We would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards the cost of these activities. Please send money in a named envelope and give it to the office. Thank you.

