



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 1

Week: 3

Week beginning: 18.09. 2020

Another busy week!

We are so impressed with the children this week; they have been absolutely wonderful! They have continued to settle into school and are becoming more familiar each day with their new surroundings. They have done a super job, especially as they have stayed for lunch and become used to the new routines associated with this such as choosing their lunch in the morning and going outside to play

The children will probably be very tired this weekend and some children may become more 'teary' as staying in school all day can be exhausting for them as they are still getting used to life in school and their new environment. This is completely expected and we will be here to reassure and comfort them (and you) should this be the case.

Please let us know if you have any concerns or questions.

Coats and book bags

The children have been brilliant so far at our morning and going home routine of hanging up / collecting coats, book bags and water bottles. The majority of these are labelled with children's names but due to them all being identical, there can be some confusion. If you could put a small key ring on the zip of your child's school coat / handle of their book bag; this will allow them to easily identify their own and therefore minimise any distress.

Identifying Clothing

There are still a number of items such as cardigans, coats and jumpers that are unnamed. Can we please ask that ALL items of clothing are labelled with your child's name as this will minimise distress for your child in these early days and encourage independence with classroom routines and to allow us to return them to your children at the end of the day.

Thank you

Safeguarding

If someone other than yourselves are picking up your children, don't forget to let us know in writing via a note in a book bag or an email to the school office. You can also remind us at the gate.

Snack Menu - WB:21.09.20

Monday - Ham wraps
Tuesday - Bread sticks and dip
Wednesday - Crackers and cheese
Thursday - Malt loaf
Friday - Sweet treat Friday (Biscuit)

PE

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed their 1st session of P.E. and were absolutely amazing. As she passed, Mrs Bostock thought it was Year 1 in the hall and was so impressed that she came down to give the children a special Head teacher's sticker. They listened well to instructions, were really sensible and most of all had lots of fun. They were even asking if they could do it again on Thursday!

Other Information

Thank you so much for your support in implementing the Public Health Liverpool instruction that all parents and carers involved in dropping off and picking up children on any school site wear masks. Should you be exempt for any reason from wearing a mask whilst dropping off or picking up your children, on a school site can you please inform the school office and provide proof of your exemption.



Home time collection

Thank you again for your understanding with our drop off and collection routines and adhering to the one-way system we have in place whilst we establish our 'new normal' Just a reminder that entry to school and is via the vehicle gates, where you should come around to the Reception area to collect the children and then exit by the pedestrian gates. We appreciate that this week, collection of the children at home time has slowed down a little as we now have a full class and cohort and in addition we are also dismissing any siblings. In addition, just as we were becoming familiar with all of you, face coverings have now become essential when collecting / dropping off which has made this somewhat more difficult. Can we ask you to bear with us and thank you for your understanding and patience at this time and can we assure you that as we all get used to these new routines, the process will become much quicker. As stated last week, it would really help if when you see that your child is ready to leave their class teacher, please step forward to make yourself seen. This will enable us to handover the children rather than letting them make their way over to you as the amount of parents waiting is likely to be overwhelming to them. Thank you

Lunch time

This week, the children have come into school in the morning and have been using their self-registration labels to choose what they would like to for their lunch. The children have been so sensible. If they have not liked the choice they have made on a particular day, we have encouraged them to try a different option the next day. We know that some children have also been still hungry. We have asked the kitchen to provide extra crackers and cheese / butter and these are available for any children who would like some more to eat. The children also have the option of having a piece of fresh fruit in addition to their mid-morning snack and milk. Some of you have preferred to send in a packed lunch from home - can we ask that if this is your chosen option you adhere to the following in order to keep our children safe.

- 1: No foods that containing NUTS including COCONUT especially chocolate or cereal bars. This also includes anything where packaging states 'May contain' or if packaged in a factory where the above foods are present.*
- 2: Please ensure that if you send grapes or cherry tomatoes that these are quartered as they are a choking hazard.*

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Come and See

This week we began our 'Come and See' Journey in which is the Religious Education strand of our school curriculum. We have started with the topic of the domestic church and family and the children's learning is based around 'Myself.' Over the coming weeks, the children will explore all about themselves and how this relates to God and Jesus and what we are taught in the Scripture. This week we discussed our names. We talked about why we have names, that God knows and loves us all and how we are all special in our own way. The children are getting better at recognising their own names with our self-registration cards and their coat peg labels. They have also painted self-portraits and practised writing their own names

Home Learning

Each week we will send some home learning tasks that are linked to what the children have been doing in school. This will go home on a Friday and will need to be returned to school by the following **Tuesday** at the latest in order that we can quarantine the books and then mark them before returning them to you at the end of the week with a new task.

This week we would love to know the story of your child's name. What does it mean? Why did you choose it? Does it have any special significance?

Please check book bags for your template and return to school next week.

In line with the rest of the school, we have also sent home a sheet that details your child's personal login for the NUMBOTS and Times Tables Rockstars website. Presently NUMBOTS is the most appropriate for our Reception children and they can use it to practise their number skills. Our maths curriculum will not move on to addition and subtraction until later in the year but your child may still choose to access these tasks on the NUMBOTS site.