



## Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 1

Week: 7

Week ending: 21.10.2022

### Religious Education Baptism – Belonging – Welcome

This week the children learnt about important signs and symbols in a Baptism Ceremony. They shared their own Baptism photos and artefacts with their classmates. We read a story about a baby being Baptised and talked about how they are now part of the Church family. On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, the children will be walking up to Church where Father Tim will role-play baptising our doll from class. If anyone would like to come along to this, please let us know via the school office.

### Communication & Language and Literacy

This week in Literacy we read 'The Three Little Pigs.' In order to secure our sense of story, we ordered the different events as we retold the story. Now that the children have learnt some of their level 2 phonemes / graphemes, they were able to add some of the sounds they know to their work.

After half term we will be looking at changing seasons and some texts relating to autumn.

### Maths

This week the children have learnt about comparing and ordering. This looked at height and comparing the size of towers, ordering and sequencing time and what we would do 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and last when getting dressed in the morning. The children are having a really good try already at reasoning and explaining their ideas. After half term we are going to be looking at pattern in a variety of different ways.

### Phonics

This week we learnt the phonemes g o c k. We practise our blending and segmenting and some letter formation using the rhymes to help us. We are so proud of the children as they all had a really good go at forming the letters correctly.

After half term our phonemes will be  
c k e u r.

Please remember to cut up your phoneme cards and put in your wallet. You can use these to practice recognition and making words to read or to spell some of the words on the parent information sheets.

### Home Learning

1. Reading – We have sent one extra book for you to read at home during the course of next week.
2. Autumn Treasure Hunt - If you are out and about enjoying half term outdoors next week, please look out for any autumn treasures you can bring into school to share with the class. Our first mini topic when we return is autumn and our changing seasons and we have a variety of activities planned incorporating natural objects and stories linked to autumn. Please bring these in the bag provided and we will display some different things each week on an interest table as well as using them as part of our continuous provision, both indoors and out.

### Expressive arts and design

The children really enjoyed creating the houses from The Three Little Pigs this week using our junk modelling and collage materials. We enjoyed building and stacking our community blocks with our very own 'cement' and role-played being building houses. The children were very safety conscious. They didn't forget their hard hats and high visibility jackets and they definitely didn't want to be eaten by a wolf!

### Black History Month

What super learning we did this week. The children loved finding out about Rosa Parks and had really thoughtful discussions about why her treatment was unfair and the significance of this. They also enjoyed listening to the story 'My hair' being read by the author herself

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU5KSOFjGk>

## Other information

Today the whole school remembered and reflected upon the contribution made by Mrs Clarke during her many years of service and we offered a prayer of Eternal rest to God for her. Later the children all had cake and hot chocolate. Thank you for your generous donations that will be forwarded on to a children's charity close to Mrs Clarke's heart in memory of her from all of the children at Bishop Eton School.

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### Google classroom

Can I ask that whilst you have a few minutes to spare during the break that you try and sign up our Google classroom. We will post class announcements on there from time to time or it is a good way to send messages between each other but you must be signed up to receive alerts or you will miss these.

There are some useful phonics documents been posted already.

If you are having any trouble accepting the account invitation, then please speak to a member of staff.

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### Spare clothing

The children are becoming really adept at changing into suits and wellies for wet and messy activities. However sometimes socks will still get wet even inside the boots. Can we ask that you put some spares inside your child's book bag please as we are rapidly running out of spare socks. We have lots of girls socks and tights but currently we don't have any spare boys socks available as they are often not returned to school. Can we ask that if your child comes home in school socks that they are washed and returned? Or if you have any old, unwanted (boys) socks that your child has grown out of, please can you pass them into school. These do not have to be school socks just some that we can give to the children whilst theirs are being dried.

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### Recyclable materials

After half term we will be making some musical instruments from recyclable materials. If you are able to collect empty containers such as plastic pint milk bottles, coffee tins, pringles tubes, yoghurt pots or plastic jars with lids, please send these into school washed and dried and the children will make good use of them.

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Our first half term in Reception is complete already! It has been a busy 7 weeks and it only seems like yesterday that the children came through our doors in their big new uniforms. We are so proud of them for how well they have settled into life at Our Lady's Bishop Eton and how much they are enjoying school. Can we say a big thank you to all of you at home for supporting them (and us) so well! The children have come on so much already and we are really excited for Autumn 2; for the fun and great learning that we know will take place! We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Doors open as usual at 8.55am

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