



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 14th September 2026

Welcome to our second full week in Reception. Thank you for your support in sending in PE kits and book bags. It is very much appreciated. If you still need to get a book bag, these can be purchased in the school office. The children are finding their feet in our daily routines and are working hard to learn new skills. We will continue to support this and ensure children have the best start to their year. We will also be continuing our Reception Baseline over the next few weeks.

Our topic this half term is All About Me and you can find more information on our class page here:



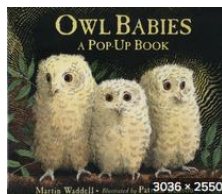
There are some ideas for further learning on our class page on the school website if you would like to do some work at home. **Please send in a family photograph that we can keep** (or photocopy!).

Remember you need to book your child's meals via Sco pay each day.

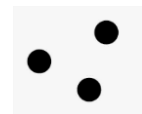
Focus words this week: Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week? Owllet, subitise, family, friends

Focus Story:

Owl Babies



Maths Focus: Subitising to 3



Children need to recognise small amounts of objects (and dice patterns etc.) to at least 3.



Rhyme of the Week:

Chop Chop

Chop chop choppity chop,

Cut off the bottom and cut off the top

What there is left, put in the pot,

Chop chop choppity chop

Story Time

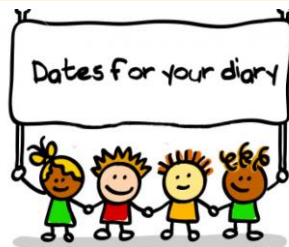
Reading books will be given out this week.

Library books can be changed each week in our cloakroom. Come in as often as you need to for a new book to share



This week the children will:

- Learn how to use the resources in our classroom.
- Continue to practise our daily routines such as signing in, writing their names, finding their pegs independently, putting their book bags in the correct place.
- Get changed for PE - we will be encouraging independence at school (You may want to start encouraging this at home to help them further)
- Counting and singing number rhymes each day.
- Listen carefully, respond and join in with our new talk for writing story - Owl Babies
- Talking about our families - please send in any family photos that you don't mind us using at school.
- Making pictures of ourselves and our friends using natural materials.
- Creating faces using playdough
- Using our lollipop characters to tell our 'Owl babies' story
- Holding a pencil using the 'Pinch and Flick' method
- Practise recognising and then writing our names in lower case letters (You may want to practise this at home too!)
- Learn about our classroom rules and expectations.
- Practising how to hold our pencils correctly for writing and drawing.
- Daily phonics lessons have started now.



Monday 7th September - Reception Baseline will be taking place over the next few weeks. Find more information here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf

Tuesday 8th September - One life music retreat day. We will have Dan and Emily in school with us all day. Children will take part in singing, prayer and creative activities.

Tuesday 22nd September - Welcome liturgy with Fr Craig in school - **parents are welcome at 3pm**