

Reception Newsletter



Friday 16th April

Our golden promises

We promise to be...

Respectful (look after everyone and everything), **Thoughtful and Caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy), **Enthusiastic** (be excited learners), **Ambitious** (be the best you can be).

This week

Lovely to welcome the children back after their Easter break and hear all about the family traditions and celebrations they enjoyed over the Easter period. We started the week by looking at the changes that have taken place because the corona virus is shrinking. They were excited that some of their hopes of toy shop shopping, going swimming, visiting the dinosaur park and indeed having a haircut are now allowed. We were able to 'pop' a few of the hope balloons we had made before Easter. In maths we have been learning about the teen numbers – 11-20. We have been 'seeing' this number and how it is made by using tens frames. "One full / finished tens frame and then 2 more on another tens frame makes 12." We have matched the picture of 12 to the digit 12. We did the same for all the numbers to 20. In phonics we have been learning more about the digraphs **ai** and **ee** and really practising seeing these digraphs in words and sentences to read. We learnt to read the tricky word **you**. In our outdoor area, we have enjoyed the tulips which are in full bloom, planted some potatoes and also opened up a whole shed of resources that children can access themselves to add to their imaginative and physical play outside. The children have also been enjoying creating small worlds with a range of different small world resources. There have been wild animal adventures, road blocks and farm stories, all helping to develop their story telling and imaginative play.

Next week (wb 19th April)

We will be starting our half term project called 'Happily ever after' and we will enter a story land with a map to help us. We will also be learning about JONK – 'the joy of not knowing'. This is a whole school approach to what kind of learners we need to be. Next week we will find out more about being a curious and resilient learner. More information about JONK in next week's newsletter. It is St George's day next week (23rd) so we will learn a bit about another part of the UK – England and our traditions and cultural celebrations.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 20th April – Parents Evening
Thursday 29th April – Parents Evening
Thursday 29th April – Class photos

Other bits:

*PE – as our PE is planned around using the big climbing apparatus in the hall this half term, we need to be flexible with our PE days. Please ensure **ALL PE kits** are in school **every Monday**. **PE for both Tigers and Leopards** will be on Tuesday 20th.*

Please could we remind you to sign your child's reading book to let us know that they have read it and need a new one. An unsigned reading book will be returned and a new book will not be sent home. Many thanks.

Phonics folders – Will come home on Monday this week as we are adding in a list of High frequency words. These are words that we see a lot when we read and use a lot when we write. These are words that can be sounded out and blended using the sounds that we know. However, by reading them on sight, will improve the fluency of your child's reading. We will also include a list of games and activities that you can use to help your children learn them.

*Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend
The Reception team*