



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1 – Week 3 – 18th September 2026

Diary Dates

Monday afternoon – library
Wednesday morning – P.E.
Monday 21st September – Parent Meeting at 2:45pm
Friday 2nd October – Buddy Assembly at 9am
Monday 5th October – School photos

Dear parents and carers,

The children have had another wonderful week in Reception. This week we began our more formal curriculum, where the children were introduced to their daily letter sounds in Phonics, explored the concept of subitising in Numeracy and started our PSHE 'Jigsaw' lessons. In Literacy this week, we read the story "That's Not My Name" by Anoosha Syed. The story follows the character Mirha through her first week at school. We drew comparisons to our own experiences and talked about how she felt at different points throughout the book. Mirha's name is often mispronounced throughout the story and we talked about the importance of our own names. We played different name games and songs together too.

This week welcomed another first! We all went on a Welly Wednesday walk, where we identified the name of the trees and plants around the school boundaries, collected different coloured resources and finished up by rolling down the hill! So much fun! During learning through play the children have enjoyed role playing with the small world people and doll house.

We warmly welcome you to join us on Monday afternoon at 2:45pm to come and discuss all things Reception!

Have a wonderful weekend,
The Reception Team

Literacy

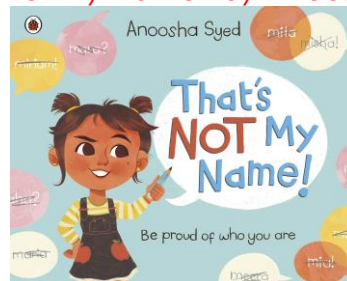
This week the children learnt about the importance of their name. We read the story "That's Not My Name" where the main character Mirha was constantly called the wrong name. We talked about how special and unique our name was. We focused on practicing how to form the letters from our name correctly.



This week we have been learning...

Story of the Week

"That's Not My Name" by Anoosha Syed



Phonics

This week the children have learnt the following phonemes:



s-snake- "swerve around the snake"

a-ant- "around the head and down the body"

t-teacher- "down her body and cross her shoulders"

p-parrot - "down his body, around his face"

Numeracy

This week the children started the "Mastering Number" curriculum and focused on the objective of subitising (identifying quantities without counting each item). This supports the children's growing knowledge of number composition and becoming efficient with counting. There are two types of subitising: **perceptual subitising** for small groups (e.g., seeing 3 dots and knowing it's "three") and **conceptual subitising** for larger groups, where you break them into smaller, familiar groups (e.g., seeing 6 dots as two groups of 3).

Home Learning

Next week we are exploring different types of houses. Can you talk about the home that you live in? What are the main features of your home? What is local to your home?





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Notice Board

Boom Reader

Please read with your child daily and log at least three times on Boom Reader. You should have received the school PIN and details to create an account.

We can not change the decodable books until it has been logged on the system. Thank you for your support and co-operation.



Top Tips for Reading

1. Create a positive routine around reading.
2. Model pointing to the letters and tracking the words as you read out loud.
3. Praise, praise, praise! Keep reading positive and always celebrate their efforts.
4. Mindfully correct any errors.
5. Discuss the book together before, during and after reading it.



Stay and Read

We would like to invite you to join your child for our weekly 'Stay and Read' sessions.

You can join us from **8.40am to 9am** every Friday mornings.

The next sessions are on:

Friday 25th September

Friday 2nd October

Friday 9th October

Friday 16th October

Friday 23rd October



Reading Buddies

Year 6 visit our class once per week to support the children's emerging reading and read stories together. Each child has an assigned buddy who they will get to know across the year and develop a positive relationship with them. We will be hosting a "**buddy assembly**" whereby they will introduce their buddies to the school.

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Friday 2nd October.

