



Reception Weekly Newsletter –10.6.22

Hello Reception Parents and Carers! This week the children have been so excited to tell us about their half term holiday experiences. They have really enjoyed our focus story Clem and Crab which really made us think about how important it is to keep our beaches clean. The children particularly loved the part of the story where Clem realises that the best place for her crab is back on a beach and when Clem returns to the beach, all of her classmates are there cleaning the beach. The children have been very creative making beach scenes in the sand and have enjoyed role playing with their ice cream stalls and beachside café. There has been a lot of ice cream and sorbet 'consumed' with children inspired to write their ice cream/sorbet orders including a range of toppings. They have enjoyed listening to a number of different stories this week as part of SPARKS story week: A Mouse called Julian by Joe Todd-Stanton; The Pirate Mums by Jodie Lancet-Grant and Lydia Corry; The Tale of the Whale by Karen Swann and Padmacandra and Tilda Tries Again by Tom Percival. They loved voting for the class's favourite story at the end of the week and they thought of very interesting reasons for their choice. The Corgi circuit was great fun for the children too and it was so wonderful for them to be involved and to understand that their effort is raising money for the school. The children have loved seeing how the gardens continue to grow in school – the polytunnel is like an exciting jungle to walk through.

Please note there will be a separate letter sent out regarding Sports Day next week which we are very excited about. **We would like the children to attend school in PE kit everyday next week** as we have so many wonderful sporting activities planned throughout the week.

Now for the fun we have planned next week as we continue our topic 'Holidays' – please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to at school as well as a few reminders. If you have any questions, please email office.hisn@hpp.school and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

This week we will be learning - Week Beginning Monday 13th June 2022

- The focus story for this week is 'When I grow up...Sports Heroes' by Clare Lloyd. In this book we learn about sports people from a range of different sports from around the world including Usain Bolt (Athletics) and Ellie Simmonds (swimming). We will also watch video clips of these sports people in action.
- In phonics, we will be recapping all of the sounds we have learnt so far: k/ l/ r/ u /ck /b/ g/ h/ c/ a/ i/ m/ s/ t/ n/ o/ p/ d/ v/ f/ e / j/ w/ z/x/y/ff/ll/ss/zz/sh/ch/th/qu and we will be continuing to learn the new sounds **tch/wh/ing**. The children will build these new sounds into simple words and will then have a go at writing the words down. The children will continue to practise writing simple sentences of up to 8 words now. Our everyday words are: **what/where/who**. We practise reading and writing these words. We are also continuing to use sentence starters eg I like, I went and I am.
- Our children will continue to focus on their pencil grip and letter formation in the daily handwriting session. They exercise their hands using funky finger activities which they love. This week we will practise our letters linked to our everyday words: **the, to, is, was, I**.



- In maths, we will be recalling our number bonds, recapping double facts and learning to solve addition and subtraction number problems.
- We will be doing a lot of sport this week including Basketball; climbing a Digiwall and our Sports Day.
- Our Expanding Our Vocabulary (EOV) words for this week are: **sports, fairness, resilience.**

Time to talk

- We all know how important talking at home is for exposing children to a wide range of vocabulary and ideas. This all helps them with their reading and to become future writers. An idea this week is for you to talk about sports that you enjoy watching or playing, the rules of the sport and how to behave fairly.

What sports do you enjoy playing or watching? What are some of the rules of that sport? How can you play that sport fairly?

Handwriting with Letter-join

- You will have all received the letter from school sharing our Handwriting focus and log in details for Letter-join. Reception parents are given the opportunity to access the free play option that is shown below when you log on. The children can practise developing their fine motor skills, drawing patterns and easier and harder letters.



Letter-join Home log-in

Our school is now part of the Letter-join handwriting scheme and our pupils can log in to the Letter-join website on iPads and tablets as well as desktop and laptop computers at home. There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources that we use at school.



PC DESKTOP AND LAPTOP LOG-IN

Log in at www.letterjoin.co.uk and use the Desktop log-in option with these details:

User name: **jk4404**
Password: **home**

PC Browsers:

Letter-join will work on the following browsers on PCs/Macs:

- Google Chrome
- Firefox
- Safari

Do not use Internet Explorer.

IPAD AND TABLET LOG-IN

Go to www.letterjoin.co.uk and use the Tablet log-in option with these details:

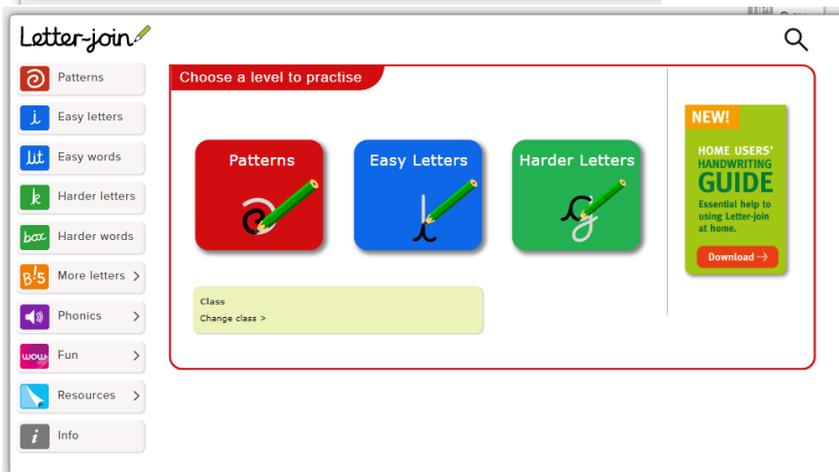
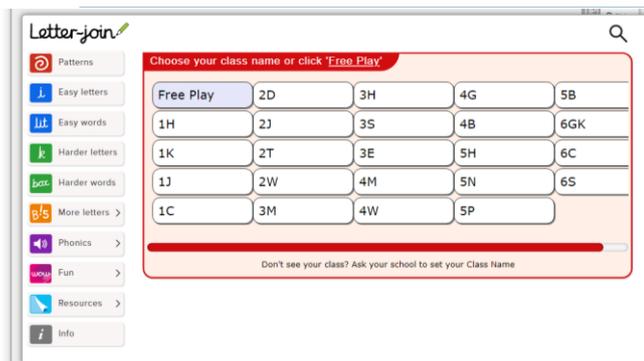
User name: **jk4404**
Swipe code (starting at top left):



Tablet/iPad Browsers:

Letter-join will run on the following tablets:

- iPads running iOS7 and above through the Safari browser.
- Windows 8 tablets (8 inch and bigger) using the built-in browser.
- Android tablets (8 inch and bigger) using Google Chrome, Firefox or Opera.



Some important information and reminders:

- **Urgent call for playdough resources:** The children are always so immersed in their playdough creations as they mould and sculpt all sorts of wonderful creations, but unfortunately, our playdough ingredients have diminished! If you are happy to donate flour, salt, oil and cream of tartar, we would really appreciate it! Thank you to those of you who have already donated but we still need more please.



- **School Reading Book/Borrow a Book:** We are reading with the children each week and are encouraging the children to read everyday. Please remember to return your child's school reading book on their reading day, as well as their 'Borrow a Book' book. It will also be great to read your feedback about your child's progress with their reading at home in the parents comments section of their Reading diary each week. The children will also have the opportunity to choose a book to borrow – which is one you can share together.
- **Oxford Reading Buddy:** Please do continue to access Oxford Reading Buddy at home as it is a great way to support your child with their reading. You will find their logins stuck into the front cover of their reading records.
- **Pick Up Location:** The end of the day pick up locations are remaining the same. The Reception children will be dismissed in front of the climbing frame, with RF closest to the green school gates, followed by RW, then RDC and ending with RY closest to the school.
- **Junk Modelling resources:** Along with messy play, the children love to build all sorts of wonderful things using all sorts of junk they find around the house. If you have any junk modelling resources, we would be more than happy to take these. **Just a quick note to say that we are not taking any food boxes or wrappers.** For junk modelling resources ideas, please see below.
 - toilet roll/kitchen roll tubes
 - shoe boxes
 - glitter
 - pipe cleaners
 - pom poms
 - bottles and bottle lids
 - toothpaste tubes
 - straws
 - fabric
 - googly eyes
 - CDs

As our new topic is 'Holidays' our role play areas have been transformed into a Seaside café/Icecream shop.





Food at home



How about making some goal cups to fill with tasty treats eg cheese puffs, popcorn, tomatoes, grapes?



Or make oatmeal balls that you could add chocolate chips to if you wanted?

1 cup of rolled oats

1/2 cup honey

1/2 cup shredded coconut

chocolate chips
