



Reception Weekly Newsletter – 22.10.21

Hello everyone! Well done on a fantastic first half term! The Reception children have been such wonderful learners over these past couple of weeks. They have dug further into the Autumn mud as they discover the different signs of Autumn. We talked about how our senses feel during autumn, with many highlighting that the weather gets colder and the nighttime creeps in quicker, creating the perfect atmosphere for a spooky Halloween! With this week being Internet Safety Week, we have also been discussing ways we can keep ourselves safe online and with help of Smartie the Penguin and Philip the Puppet from our Internet Safety workshop, the children learnt what information should be kept private and always ask for help from a grown up. Phillip the puppet also spoke about being kind online too, and this linked perfectly to this Week's story of the Week: Being Kind. The children came up with a lovely kindness recipe to help us remember some kind actions, which included "a handful of laughter and a tub full of patience" What a brilliant way to end the week and our first half term of being in Reception. Enjoy your half term break - you all deserve it!

Now for next week's fun - 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 1st November

- Our learning for Autumn 2 is all about 'celebrations' and through our Story of the Week, 'All Are Welcome' by Alexandra Penfold, the children will be celebrating diversity and giving encouragement and support to all. No matter how you start your day, what you wear when you play, or if you come from far away, all are welcome.
- In phonics, we will be recapping all the sounds we have learnt so far: b/ g/ h/ c/ a/ i/ m/ s/ t/ n/ o/ p. The children will be building these sounds into simple words and will then have a go at writing them down, thinking about the letter formation. Our Everyday words for this week are: 'to' and 'was'.
- In maths the children will be learning all about our numbers 1-3. We will be thinking about what these numbers look like and how we can represent them. The children will be playing a game of maths 'I spy' where they use their super spotting skills to help them recognise our number and talk about what they see.

Some important information and reminders:

- **Parent Consultations:** a friendly reminder that these are virtual meetings and are being held on **Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th November**. Please make sure you have booked your time slot on Parent Cloud. Please let us know if you are having any troubles accessing or booking your slot.
- **Borrow a Book:** After half term, we are starting our 'Borrow and Book' scheme. This is where each week, alongside their usual reading book, each child will take home a reading for pleasure book. Please do have a look at this book with your child and



remember to bring it back as this will be swapped for a new one on your child's reading day.

- **Flu Spray:** You will have already received information about the Nasal Flu Spray, but just a reminder that this is due to take place on **8th November**. Understandably this can be a little unsettling for some children, so please do have a chat with your child about the procedure and remind them that the teachers are there to help.
- **All About Me Box:** After half term we will be learning about 'Celebrations' which will include celebrating ourselves. Over the half term we would like you to help your child create an 'all about me' box. We will be looking at them after half term, a colour group at a time. All you need is a shoe box, which they can decorate if they wish. Please don't put anything precious in the box as we don't want it to get lost! We are very excited to learn more about the children through their 'All about me' boxes.

We would like it to include:

- ❖ A family photo
- ❖ Their favourite book (this can be a picture of it or a drawing of their favourite character)
- ❖ Anything from a hobby that they enjoy
- ❖ Their favourite item of clothing or a photo of them wearing it
- ❖ A picture of their favourite food
- ❖ A picture of a family celebration

Please see below for when your child's colour group will be sharing their box:

- **Week beginning 8th November: RED group** will be sharing their box throughout the week. They will be returned once your child has had their turn to share it.
- **Week beginning 15th November: YELLOW group** will be sharing their box throughout the week. They will be returned once your child has had their turn to share it.
- **Week beginning 22nd November: GREEN group** will be sharing their box throughout the week. They will be returned once your child has had their turn to share it.
- **Week beginning 29th November: BLUE group** will be sharing their box throughout the week. They will be returned once your child has had their turn to share it.
- **Naming Belongings:** We have been collecting a few items of clothing in the Reception area that we can't find owners for. Please make sure that your child's belongings are named. This doesn't need to be a named sticker, just grab a sharpie and write your child's name or initials on it.
- **Drop off times:**



- **Autumn 2 drop off:** Soft start from **8.40 - 8.55**. You can arrive at any point within this time slot.
- **End of the day pick up times:**
- **Autumn 2 pick up:** Classes are being released at the same time at **2.50pm**.
- To keep the parent traffic flowing, it is important to leave with your child promptly from the playground. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher on drop off, please let the class teacher know and wait on the hill under the shade canopies in the playground. Once the class teacher has dismissed their class, they will then come and speak to you.
- **Things to bring to school:**
- Water bottles - **please make sure these are named.**
- School jumper: **please make sure these are also named.**
- Raincoat - just a little reminder that your child comes to school with a coat, (even if it is a pack-a-mack!). **Please make sure these are also named.**
- Red School Book bag - please make sure these are named with **one keyring**. No back packs.
- **Milk List:** At snack time, there is an option for your child to have milk. If you would like your child to be on the milk list, please go to the 'Cool Milk' website and register your child. Quick note to remember: If you register before 5pm on a Tuesday, your child will start receiving milk from the following week. Please follow this link for more information: <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>
- **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.
- loo roll/kitchen roll tubes
- shoe boxes
- glitter
- pipe cleaners
- pom poms
- bottles and bottle lids
- toothpaste tubes
- straws
- fabric
- googly eyes
- CDs



Cooking at home

We have included a recipe below for you to have a try at home together. With Bonfire Night drawing closer, please find this recipe for some fun and family friendly edible sparklers.

Edible Sparklers

Ingredients:

- 15 breadsticks
- 100g milk chocolate
- sprinkles, to decorate
- edible glitter, to decorate



Method:

- Melt the chocolate in a high-sided bowl, by microwaving it for 15 seconds at a time. Stir after each burst of 15 seconds, until fully melted.
- Dip each breadstick into chocolate and cover liberally with sprinkles and edible glitter
- Leave standing upright in a glass to set.