



Reception Weekly Newsletter – Week Beginning 20th September

Hi everyone! It has been so wonderful to have our Reception wing full of excited and curious little ones again! The children have settled in really well and they really are getting stuck into Reception life. We have seen brilliant roleplay both in and out of the classroom, where the children have set up a buzzing cafe; full of waiters, customers and self-made food menus. Another firm favourite is the waterplay, where the children have been casting their nets as they discover the sea creatures that lie beneath the waves. It has been an amazing week of playing and discovering, however, we are still mindful that they are still familiarizing themselves with the school rules and routines, so please remember to be kind to yourselves - we know that we will have some very tired children!

Now for next week's fun - please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to at school that week 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:

- Each week our learning focuses around a 'Story of the Week'. This week's story is: 'The Way I Feel' by Janan Cain. This week we are exploring all the different emotions we may feel throughout the day and finding ways to manage our emotions. We will be introducing the children to the 'Zones of Regulation'. For more information, please follow this link:
<https://www.zonesofregulation.com/learn-more-about-the-zones.html>
- In phonics, we will be recapping our first few sounds: a i m s t. The children will be building these sounds into simple words and will then have a go at writing them down. The children will also be thinking about letter formation, where they will be learning letter rhymes to help them remember how we write our sounds.
- In maths this week we will be thinking about the numbers 1-5. To start the week, the children will be learning to recognise the numerals 1 -5 and then moving onto practising counting 1-5. To finish the week, the children will be learning to write their numerals 1-5 with the help of number formation rhymes.

Some important information and reminders:

- **Drop off times:**
- **Autumn 1 drop off:** Soft start from **8.40 - 8.55**. You can arrive at any point within this window.

- **End of the day pick up times:**
- **Autumn 1 pick up:** Classes are being released at the same time at **2.50pm**. Whilst the class teachers are learning to match the children to the correct adult, please be patient. When you reach the front of the line please ask for your child by name - this will help to support the class teacher as we learn to match adult faces to their child. We thank you for your support.
- 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.
- Raincoat - just a little reminder that your child comes to school with a coat, (even if it is a pack-a-mack!).
- Red School Book bag - please make sure these are named. NO back pack.
- NO SUNCREAM - Please put suncream on your child before they come to school. This must be one that lasts for 8 hours so that they do not have to reapply during the day, as the children are not permitted to bring sunscreen in their book bags.

- **Book Bag Keyring:** We know that the children come to school with lots of belongings and so at home time there can be a lot to remember. To help the children distinguish their belongings from their friends, a quick trick is to put a keyring on your child's book bag. Please attach one keyring to their book bag, to help them see through the sea of Hampton Infants book bags!

- **Lunch Menu:** Just a little reminder that for the first few weeks the children will be having packed lunch and from the **week beginning 27th September**, a hot lunch will be provided from the school kitchen, unless you have specified otherwise. You should have received a letter on ParentHub about the lunch menu, please do have a look out for this and have a chat with your child about what they might like to eat.

- **Tapestry:** More information on all things Tapestry is to be sent out in due course via email, so please do have a look out for this. Please ensure we have the most up to date contact details for you.

- **Reception PE Day:** The children will be doing PE every Wednesday afternoon with the first PE session on **Wednesday 22nd September**. On a PE day your child should come to school dressed in their PE kits. This is their red PE top, sport shorts or joggers and their trainers.

- **Forest Fridays:** Every Friday, we are taking our learning outside as the children take part in Forest Friday's, starting on **Friday 24th September**. As the children are exploring the outside areas, please send your child to school in their PE kits. Please also bring a pair of wellies in a carrier bag so they can explore in the soil and muddy puddles.

- **Messy play Ingredients:** With the children back at school and messy play (such as playdough, sand and shaving foam) being a firm favourite, we are running low on these ingredients. If you were happy to donate any of the following ingredients, we would happily take them off your hands. Please do not feel you have to go out



and do a special buy! If you have any lying around the house, they would be much appreciated.

- flour
- salt
- cream of tartar
- oil
- shaving foam
- water beads - see picture
- corn flour

- **Junk Modelling Ingredients:** 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. You could take a photo or draw your pizza and send it into school for us to look at with your friends.

Smiley Face Pizza

Ingredients:

Serves 2 children.

For the dough:

125g extra strong white
bread flour
¼tsp salt
1tbsp Mellow Yellow
Rapeseed Oil
75ml tepid water

For your topping:

2tbsp tomato puree
60g grated mozzarella
Black olives
Green olives
Salami
Courgette
Yellow pepper
Red pepper



Method:

- Preheat your oven to 230°C/210°C fan and put a baking tray in the oven to get hot.
- In a large mixing bowl, mix all dough ingredients together using your hands. Once combined, knead until smooth and no longer sticky. It should be quite sticky at



first but the more you work it together, the less sticky it will become and should turn into a smooth ball of dough.

- Leave covered for around 30 minutes, or up to a few hours if you are not ready to cook your pizza yet.
- Split your dough in half and roll out on a floured greaseproof paper. Spread tomato puree over each pizza and cover with grated mozzarella. Use slices of each topping ingredient to create your smiley faces! Get creative!
- Slide onto a tray and transfer to the hot tray in the oven.
- Cook for 10-12 minutes.
- Serve and enjoy!