



Reception Weekly Newsletter – 19th November 2021

Another super week of learning! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their second week in space and have been so enthusiastic as they pop on their wellies and jump into their space rockets as they role play 'Whatever Next'. They have continued their love of space outside in the garden too, and we have seen such wonderful language being used as they act out a space station. Alongside our space focus, the children have been exploring the 7 fire safety rules and have been singing the fire safety song all week! They have been using this knowledge to create very informative fire safety posters and tapped into their inner 'Fireman Sam', so that at next year's Diwali and Bonfire Night celebrations they know how to keep themselves safe. Well done Reception on a wonderful week at Hampton Infants!

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 22nd November

- This week our Story of the Week is 'A Superhero Like You' by Dr. Ranj, where the children will be meeting real life superheroes and how they help people. Inspired by our story, the children will be discussing what real life superheroes they could be when they grow up. Maybe a firefighter? Or a teacher or a vet? They could be and do many things - as long as they are happy and it is something they are interested in and enjoy.
- In phonics, we will continue to introduce the children to our new sounds: d/ v/ f/ e. Along with these sounds, we continue to recap 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: 'for' 'of' and 'are'.
- In maths the children will be learning about how to record data and information. The children will be asking each other different questions, such as "what is your favourite colour?" or "what is your favourite fruit?" and will be practising recording their findings in pictograms and tally marks.

Some important information and reminders:

- **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!
- **School Toys:** We have noticed that school toys have gone missing and some have even been pocketed at home time. We love that the children want to continue their learning at home, however, just a gentle reminder that school toys are to be kept at school so that others can use and learn with them too.
- **Borrow a Book:** This 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.**

- **School Reading Book:** A friendly reminder to pop your child's school reading book back in their book bag on your child's reading day. Thank you!
- **Wellies:** Now that the weather is turning wintery and the muddy puddles are here to stay, please send your child in with a named pair of wellies that can stay on their peg at school. This will also be helpful for Forest Friday's so they already have access to their wellies.
- **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
- **All About Me Box:** Just a quick reminder with the dates for when your child needs to bring in their 'All About Me' Box.
 - **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.
- **Book Bag Keyrings:** To help the children distinguish their book bag from others, please put **ONE** keyring on your child's bag.
- **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.

Cooking at home

We have included a recipe below for you to have a try at home together. With our topic focusing on everything that makes us special, why not celebrate all that makes you 'you' and decorate your pizza with your facial features.

PIZZA FACES

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 200g plain flour
- 250ml warm water
- 1 tsp dried yeast
- Tomato puree or pizza sauce
- Sprinkling of oregano
- Grated cheese
- Various toppings to make your pizza face features, such as sliced peppers, olives, ham, pineapple, mushrooms, and sweet corn



WHAT TO DO:

1. Preheat your oven to 180c/ gas mark 4.



2. Mix together the yeast and water and leave the mixture in a warm place for 8 minutes.
3. Mix in the flour and knead until it forms a firm dough.
4. Dust a clean surface with flour, roll the dough out into a circle and bake it for 7 minutes.
5. Spread your tomato puree or pizza sauce onto the cooked base and sprinkle it with cheese.
6. Now for the fun part! Get creative by encouraging the kids to make funny faces out of the toppings.
7. The pizza should now be starting to take shape. Pop it back into the oven for another 7-10 minutes.
8. Leave to cool.
9. Cut the pizza into slices and eat with your hands for maximum messiness!



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