



Reception Weekly Newsletter – Monday 20th May 2022

Hello Reception Parents and Carers! This week we have been 'All Aboard for the Bobo Road' looking at the wonderful sights that Fatima and Galo saw on the way to Bobo. They travelled on a bus and we wrote some sentences about how they helped load the luggage onto the bus. The children have loved the variety of transport that they have had to play with and have enjoyed making their own transport too. Many have imagined what they would do when they reached Bobo; setting up picnic areas with their luggage and babies. Many children have enjoyed writing about the transport they can ride on as they become so much more confident with their letter formation and ability to write words using their sounds.

Please remember that Thursday 26th May is our Platinum Jubilee celebration day where the children can dress up in red, white or blue or as Kings/Queens/Prince/Princesses. We would be really grateful for any donations of paper plates please so that the children can make paper plate crowns next week.

Please also note that Friday 27th May is an INSET day and so the children will not be in school.

Now for the fun we have planned for next week as we continue our topic 'The World Around Us' – 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 23rd May 2022

- The focus story for this week is a Little People, Big Dreams book called Queen Elizabeth. The children will learn about the life of Queen Elizabeth and her reign over these 70 years. We will also look at other information which allows us to share with children the significance of the Platinum Jubilee.
- 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/l/ss/zz and the newer digraphs We will continue to use the 3 new digraphs (2 letter sounds) **sh/ch/th/qu**. 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: **said, put, of**. 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: like, went, they, all, so. The children really love this very gentle activity which allows them to focus on forming a single letter using the rhymes (that we sent home in bookbags).
- In maths, we will be playing lots of number games to consolidate a lot of the learning so far – these games will include Bingo and Lucky Dip. We will also be using story language in maths for example **First** we had 2 pigs, **then** we had 2 more pigs, **now** we have 4 pigs altogether.



- Our activities in PE focus on 'There's a storm coming' where children will dribble a ball with their hands as though they are raindrops whilst moving safely and throwing and catching their 'raindrops'.
- On Platinum Jubilee celebration day on Thursday the children will be involved in lots of different jubilee activities which we are very excited about and there will be a variety of exciting Jubilee activities throughout the week too.
- Our Expanding Our Vocabulary (EOV) words for this week are: Jubilee, Queen, bounce.

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 if you were King or Queen for a day what would you do. Perhaps you would invite schools to your palace to learn about history or you would have a big garden party and allow children to ride on your horses.

What would you do if you were King or Queen for a day?

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:

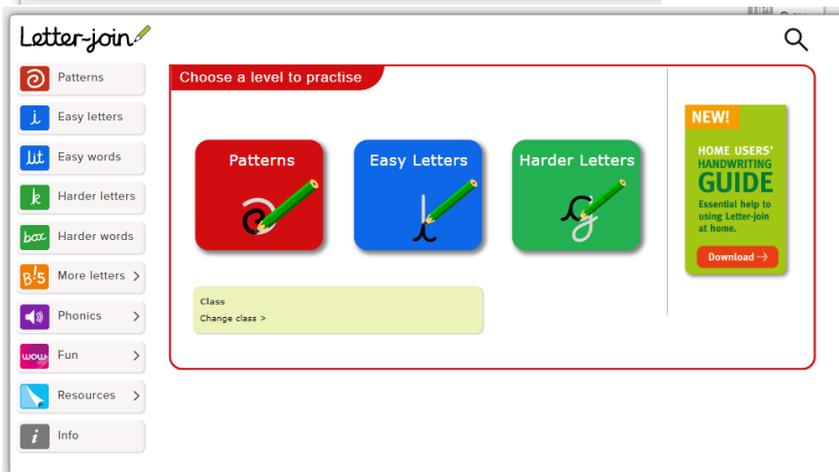
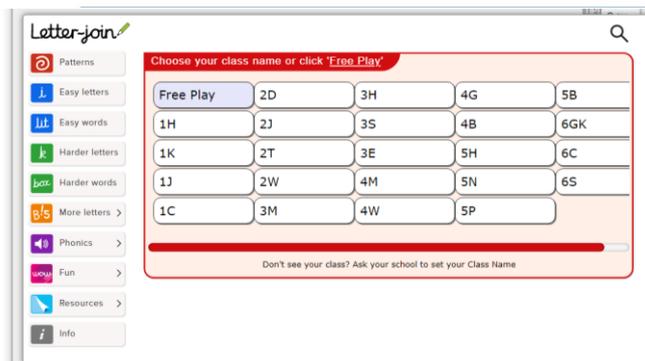
User name: **jk4404**
Swipe code (starting at top left):



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. We will not be sending home reading books over the holiday but please do use Oxford Reading Buddy. 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 'The World Around Us' our role play areas will be transformed into a Travel Agents.



We would still really appreciate donations of anything travel related please which might include:

- Old Aeroplane tickets
- Holiday brochures
- Old travel books
- Old sunhats
- Old sunglasses
- Flags of the world
- Posters from different countries

Cooking at home



How about adding blueberries and raspberries on top of a waffle or sponge cake in the pattern of the Union Jack flag or choose your own flag design. You could perhaps make an Eton Mess using red and blue fruits, meringue and creme fraiche, cream or ice cream.

