



## Reception Weekly Newsletter – 24.9.21

Hi everyone! The children have had a wonderful first full week at school and we are so impressed with how brilliantly they are settling into school life. They are absorbing so much new learning and it is great to see them using this learning in their play. The children have been using their counting skills effectively in the construction area, where they have been building the tallest towers and counting how many bricks they need before it starts to wobble and then topple over. We have loved listening to all the wonderful language the children have been using as they roleplay. We have seen how carefully they look after their babies, making sure they are all warm, cosy and fed. The children also loved our Forest Friday, where a particular favourite was the mini beast hunt. They all enjoyed being Sherlock Holmes with their magnifying glasses and they discovered lots of beasties hiding in the mud and long grass. I wonder what we will see next week...

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](mailto:office.hisn@hpp.school) and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

### Week Beginning 27th September

#### This week we will be learning...

- Each week our learning focuses around a 'Story of the Week'. This week's story is: 'The Big Bad Mood' by Tom Jamieson and Olga Demidova. This lovely book is a great way to discuss some of the moods the children may feel throughout the day, in particular the grumpy feeling they may get when finding it tricky to share. With the help of the Zones of Regulation, the children will be learning and discussing ways in which they return back to the green zone and restore our inner calm.
- In phonics, we will be continuing to recap our first few sounds: **a/ i/ m/ s/ t** as well as introducing the children to three new sounds: **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 their letter formation. We will also introduce the first set of everyday words. Our first set of everyday words are: **is, a**.
- In maths this week the children will be thinking about the numbers 1-5, colours, 2D shapes and positional language. To start the week, the children will practise representing the number 1-5 using a five frame and then will be moving to learning about 2D shapes. To finish the week, the children will be learning all about positional language.

#### Some important information and reminders:

- 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.
- **Lunch Menu:** Just a little reminder that this week a hot lunch will be provided from the school kitchen, unless you have specified otherwise. You will find the lunch menu on our school website, if you select the menu option, then click parent information, you will find a 'Lunches' drop down option, select this and you will



find a copy of the Autumn 1 lunch menu. Please have a look through the food options and have a chat with your child about what they might like to eat.

- **Lunchtime:** For the Reception children, lunch timings are 11.30 - 12 meaning they have half an hour to eat. We appreciate that this is a quick turn around, however, we have lots of staff to help encourage and remind the children to eat. Additionally, as our lunch time is at an earlier time, a 'Snack Cafe' of fruit and milk is available in the afternoon, to which the children can help themselves whenever they feel hungry.
- **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/>
- **Reception PE Day:** The children will be doing PE every Wednesday afternoon. On this day your child should come to school already dressed in their PE kits. This is their red PE top, sport shorts or joggers and their trainers and they will stay in their PE kits for the remainder of the day.
- **Forest Fridays:** Every Friday, we are taking our learning outside as the children take part in Forest Friday's. As the children are exploring the outside areas, please send your child to school already dressed in their PE kits and again, they will remain in their PE kits for the rest of the day. 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. With our maths learning all about recognising and representing our number 1 -5, you could have a go at making some counting cookies.

## Counting Cookies

This fantastic cookie recipe is so versatile. You could use choc chips, smarties or dried fruit as your counting items.

### **Ingredients**

150g softened butter

150g caster sugar

225g self raising flour

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 tbsp milk

Chocolate chips or Smarties or raisins



### **Method:**

- Always wash your hands, roll up your sleeves and pop on an apron before cooking, before turning the oven on to preheat it.
- Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy
- Add sifted flour milk and vanilla extract. Mix until all combined.



- Roll into 24 balls, and place on 2 greased baking sheets before pushing in your counting items.
- Bake in an oven 190 C for 15 minutes. Then let sit on the tray for around five minutes to set before removing using a fish slice to a wire rack to cool before eating.