



## Reception Weekly Newsletter – 29th November 2021

Hello everybody! Brrr, it's getting chilly! The frost is certainly coming and so with the weather turning colder, we have been thinking about how woodland animals keep warm during the winter. During Forest Friday, the children created wonderful dens for their soft toys to hibernate in. They used their brilliant team work skills to build soft and cosy leaf beds, nests made out of sticks and even tall towers for a dragon to keep toasty! The children have also been using their kind ears and eyes as they listen beautifully to others when their classmates have been sharing their 'All About Me' boxes. We have learnt so many interesting facts about our friends and we have discovered such wonderful things that make each one of us special and unique. The children have also loved talking about what they would like to be when they grow up. We have been celebrating everyday superheroes, such as doctors, scientists and fire fighters and so they have been writing about what superhero job they would like. Maybe a police officer, painter or dancer or even a race car driver!

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.

### This week we will be learning- Week Beginning 29th November

- This week our Story of the Week is 'You Are Brilliant' from the Mr Men series, written by Roger Hargreaves. With the help of this story we will be thinking about how amazing and unique we are and discussing the different qualities we all possess. We will celebrate these different qualities and highlight that we are all different. One of the things that makes us unique is our family - we live in different houses, some of our family might live away from us and some of our family might live in a different country. All these wonderful things make us unique and special!
- 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, are.
- In maths the children will be learning how to record and interpret data in different ways. We will be looking at our pictograms and tally marks to decipher which colour is the most popular or which fruit is most popular too. The children will also be practising their number formation, remembering each rhyme as they form each number.

### Some important information and reminders:

- **Oxford Reading Buddy:** As an extra reading tool for you to access at home, the school has signed up to Oxford Reading Buddy. This is an online tool that gives you and your child access to lots of wonderful books that support your child's reading. Your child will have their own account and you will receive their log in details next Monday.



- **Tapestry observation:** As our learning this week is celebrating what makes us unique. If you or any member of your family speak a different language at home, we would love it if you could record yourself saying hello or speaking in a different language. Please upload these to Tapestry as we would love to share these with the children to help us celebrate our wonderful differences.
- **Xmas Show costumes:** Just a reminder that their show costumes must be in school by **Monday 29th November**. You will have received a letter of which part your child is playing and what costume they will need. Please pop your child's costume in a named plastic bag to be kept on their peg.
- **Xmas Jumper Day:** On **Monday 13th December** children can wear full mufti with their Christmas jumper (footwear must be appropriate for school both inside and out). Please make any donations of £1 for Save the Children Charity via Parent Pay.
- **Tuesday 14th December Reception Xmas Party:** This is on the **14th December** and on this day the children may come dressed in their party clothes and bring a packed lunch to school. Please refer to the letter for more details on appropriate clothing. Also, a reminder that packed lunch should be **NUT FREE** and can include a sandwich, drink, piece of fruit, packet of crisps and a cheeky Christmas chocolate or treat.
- **Wednesday 15th December Reception Xmas lunch** - For lunch on **Wednesday 15th December** the children will be enjoying a Christmas lunch. Just a quick note that the children will be wearing their school uniform and will enter the hall as usual but in festive spirit with an Xmas decorated party hat.
- **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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **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!
- **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 wintry 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



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.

## Where in the world?

### Ingredients

200g unsalted butter, softened  
200g golden caster sugar  
1 large egg  
½ tsp vanilla extract  
400g plain flour, plus extra for dusting  
Icing pens

### Method

#### STEP 1

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 and line a baking sheet with baking parchment. Put the butter in a bowl and beat it with electric beaters until soft and creamy. Beat in the sugar, then the egg and vanilla, and finally the flour to make a dough. If the dough feels a bit sticky, add a little bit more flour and knead it in.

#### STEP 2

Pull pieces off the dough and roll them out to about the thickness of two £1 coins on a floured surface. The easiest way to do this with small children is to roll the mixture out on a baking mat. Cut out shapes using a 9cm biscuit cutter, or a use the rim of a small glass and peel away the leftover dough around the edges. Press some clean toys gently into the biscuits, making sure you make enough of a mark without going all the way through. Re-roll off-cuts and repeat.

#### STEP 3

Transfer the whole mat or the individual biscuits to the baking sheet and bake for 8-10 mins or until the edges are just brown. Next, ice your biscuits with a flag of your choice.

