



Reception Weekly Newsletter – 1.10.21

Hi everyone! What another fantastic week we have all had in Reception! We started the week discussing the 'Feelings Monster' that lives in our tummies. They have all been eager to build and discuss their own playdough monster and have been really expressive in their designs, showing us all sorts of imaginative ways to make facial expressions using lolly sticks and pipe cleaners. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our outdoor learning too. PE was a firm favourite, where the children used their brilliant listening and turn taking skills as they played 'duck, duck, goose'. On Friday, one of our 'Forest Friday' activities transformed the children into artists as they created artwork using natural materials. Now that Autumn is on its way, the children spotted the changing of the season and were inspired by Andy Goldsworthy as they created beautiful red, orange and green pieces of art. I wonder what will inspire us 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 and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

This week we will be learning- Week Beginning 4th October

- Each week our learning focuses around a 'Story of the Week'. This week's story is: 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds . This lovely book is a story of self-discovery, where a little girl, Vashti discovers that one little dot can mark the beginning of a wonderful journey of surprise as she lets her imagination fly. With Vashti's, we will be talking to the children about growth mindset and the idea that it is okay to make mistakes. The children will be thinking about making marks and seeing where that takes them.
- In phonics, we will be continuing to recap our sounds: 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: the/ I.
- In maths this week we will be thinking about different shapes, where we will start the week by matching numicon shapes to make pairs. We will then be using our maths vocabulary to discuss and match different sizes of shapes to their outline. We will finish the week by discovering and making colour patterns.

Some important information and reminders:

- **Individual School Photos:** On **Friday 8th October**, the children will be having their individual school photos. We are aware that this is on a Forest Friday however, the children should come to school on this date wearing their full school uniform.
- **Autumn learning:** As Autumn is fast approaching, we would love to introduce some natural resources into our learning. We would really appreciate any donations of conkers and pine cones. Thank you!
- **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**.
- 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!).
 - Red School Book bag - please make sure these are named. NO back pack.
- **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/>
- **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. **One of our Forest Friday activities this week involves the children decorating and upcycling an old CD. Please bring an old CD into school on Monday 4th October.**
- **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. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been learning all about the colours of the rainbow. Can you have a go at making a rainbow kebab using different coloured fruits?

Rainbow Fruit Kebab

Ingredients:

- Strawberries or raspberries
- Oranges or cantaloupe
- Pineapple or banana
- Kiwi or honeydew
- Blueberries
- Purple grapes
- Skewers

Method:

- Wash and slice all fruit. It's best to use fresh fruit, but frozen fruit can be used if presentation is not a concern.
- Insert the fruit onto skewers.
- Serve plain or with dip of choice.

