



Reception Weekly Newsletter – Friday 27th June 2022

Hello Reception Parents and Carers! This week the children have been so excited to learn what is special about Queen Elizabeth and her Platinum Jubilee celebrations through the Little People, Big Dreams book – Queen Elizabeth. They were very interested in her family life and that she became the Queen when she was so young. The children loved hearing the National Anthem and tried to sing along and they really enjoyed looking at photographs of her life through the years. Everyone enjoyed making decorations for the classroom and crowns. Reception also felt very proud to contribute to an art display commemorating the Jubilee that can be seen outside school. Many children drew portraits of the Queen, studying the photograph of Queen Elizabeth and one of her corgis and investigating the shapes they could use to help them draw. The week ended with our wonderful Platinum Jubilee Celebration day. We had our own very special parade of Kings, Queens, Princesses and Princes as well as children in red/white and blue. The children created even more amazing art work, wrote postcards to the Queen, wrote the wonderful activities they were planning for their own Jubilee celebrations and then they had a really special treat from the Icecream van.

Now for the fun we have planned for the first week back 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 6 June 2022

- The focus story for this week is Clem and Crab by Fiona Lumbers. Clem is an explorer, a collector, a protector of the seas! Treasure hunting on her beloved beach, she stumbles across Crab, his claw stuck in a plastic bag. The book explores how little things we can all do to keep the beaches clean can make a huge difference to the environment.
- 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/ll/ss/zz/sh/ch/th/qu and we will be learning the new sounds **tch/wh/ing**. 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: **what/where/who**. 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: **the, to, is, was, I**.
- In maths, we will be identifying and representing 1 less than a number and learning more about subtraction and what happens to a number when we take it away.
- Our activities in PE will revisit all of the ball skills we have learned so far.
- On Forest Friday we will be thinking about different transport we might travel on to go on holiday and then we will make our own transport using natural resources we collect outside.
- Our Expanding Our Vocabulary (EOV) words for this week are: **seaside, pollution, holiday**.



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 a trip you or your family have made to a beach. Are there any photographs that you can look at? What can you see?



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:

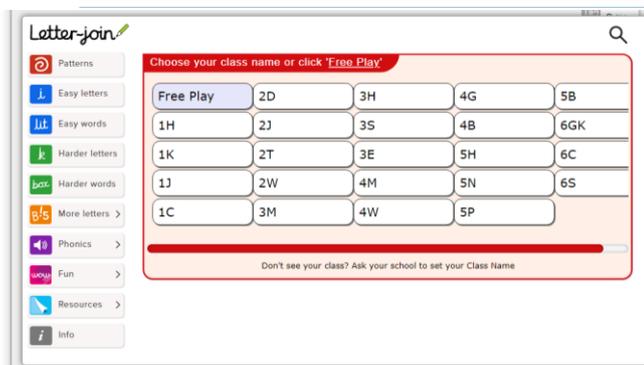
User name: **jk4404**
Swipe code (starting at top left):

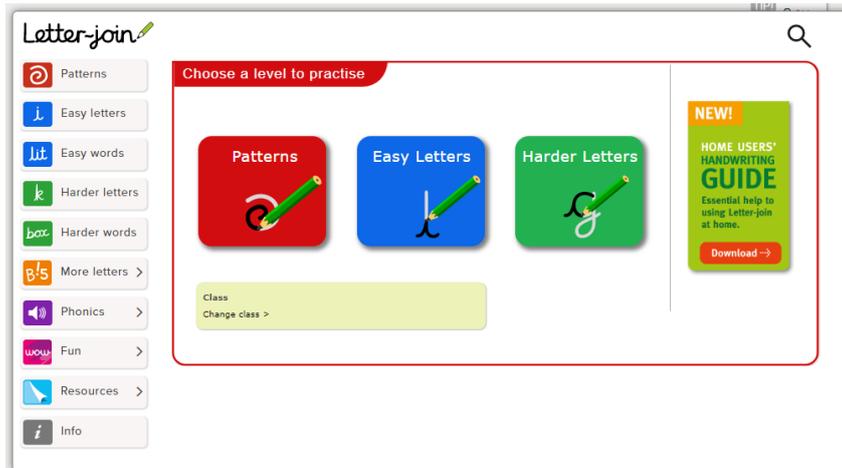


Tablet/iPad Browsers:

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 Seaside café/Icecream shop.



Cooking at home

How about making some ocean themed snacks like these Croissant crabs that can be filled with anything you fancy?



Or make these banana dolphins?



Or this hummus and pepper octopus?





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