



Reception Weekly Newsletter – 15.7.22

Hello Reception Parents and Carers! We have had a wonderful week talking about sun safety and meeting athletes and bouncing on trampolines. Our book, 'Day at the Beach' told an interesting tale of how it's much better to create things as a team not on your own. Our reception classes are so supportive of each other and celebrate each other's achievements with WOWs so beautifully. The children enjoyed looking at tallies and matching them to the teen numbers in maths and using a 100 square to see how we can count in 2s and 5s.

Next week, we have a scavenger hunt on Monday where the children will earn the reward of an ice pop at the end. You will also have seen the invite in book bags for the children to attend a teddy bear's picnic on Wednesday 20th July.

We will be collecting books from book bags on Monday; you are encouraged to use Oxford reading buddy (their log ins are in the front of their reading diaries) throughout the summer holidays. We will then say our goodbyes and begin to be so excited for Year 1 with school finishing on Thursday at 1.10pm.

Now for the fun we have planned for our last week next week as we continue our topic 'Summer and Journeys' – 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 18 July 2022

- The focus story for this week is 'The Teddy Bear's picnic'. We will listen to the story being sung by Henry Hall and his orchestra in a recording from 1932. It is always fantastic to practise our listening skills listening to a story without pictures. We will explore how the music reflects the story.
- 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 continuing to learn the new sounds **tch/wh/ing and ng**. 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. We practise reading and writing these words. It really boosts the children's confidence when they can recognise these tricky words, so the more we familiarise children with them the better (don't forget these words and their sounds are stuck into reading diaries on their reading day for parents to refer to). 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: **b, d, j, l, s, z**.
- In maths, we will be revisiting our maths learning from across the year using maths games and problems.
- Our expanding our vocabulary words for this week are: summer, scavenger hunt, hasta la vista.



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 your plans for the summer holidays – perhaps set yourself a reading challenge or write postcards from your holiday or a journal.



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:

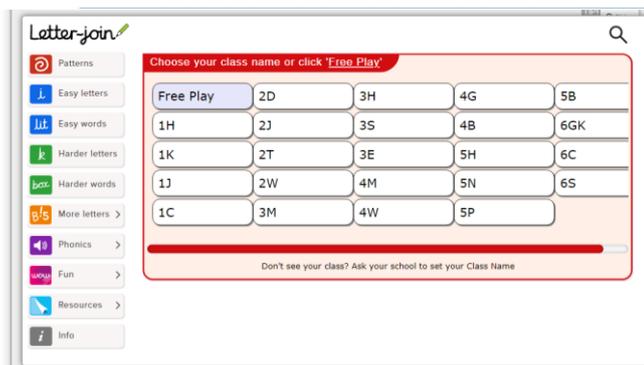
User name: **jk4404**
Swipe code
(starting at top left):

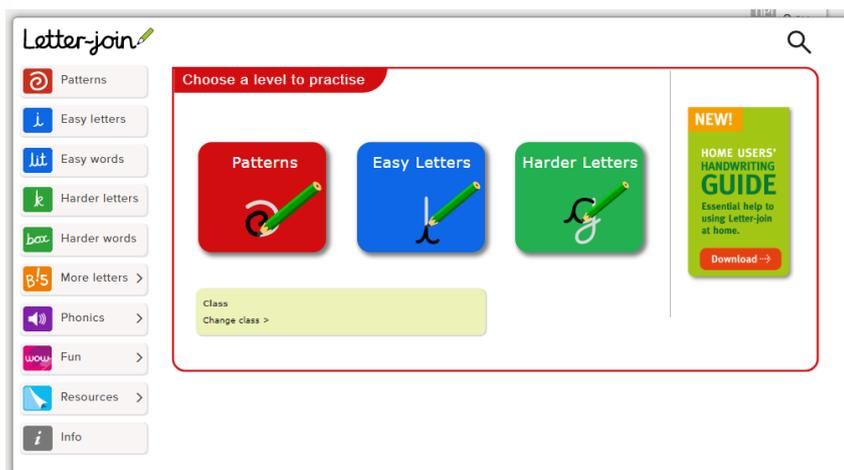


Tablet/iPad Browsers:

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. 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
 - glitter
 - pipe cleaners
 - pom poms
 - bottles and bottle lids
 - toothpaste boxes



- straws
- fabric
- googly eyes

As our new topic is 'Summer and Journeys' our role play areas have been transformed into a Seaside café/Icecream shop.



Food at home



Ingredients

100g mango , peeled, stoned and chopped

2 bananas

400g yogurt

2 kiwi fruit , peeled and roughly chopped

100g frozen raspberries

100g frozen blackberries

Method

STEP 1

Blitz the mango with $\frac{1}{2}$ banana and 100g yogurt in a [blender](#) until smooth. Divide between six ice lolly moulds and insert a stick into each. Hold each stick upright in the mould, and secure on both sides with tape. Freeze for 1 hr until set.

STEP 2

Repeat with another $\frac{1}{2}$ banana, 100g more yogurt and the kiwi fruit, and pour that over the banana layer. Freeze for another 1 hr until set. Repeat with the raspberries, then the blackberries, freezing each layer before topping with the next. Cover and freeze the lollies overnight. Run under warm water to remove from the moulds. *Will keep in the freezer for up to two months.*



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