

Reception Newsletter

Class Teachers- Miss Mace and Mrs Admans.
Teaching Assistants - Miss Woolston, Mrs Ehrlich, Miss Darling,
Miss Edwards, Miss Green, Mrs Dighton, Miss Byrne and Mrs Day.

Curriculum information

Our topic in term 5 is about our 'Helpful Heroes'.



This term is all about the important people who help us and those who have kept our country running during these testing times. We will be thinking about the special people in our local community and those who generally are our 'unsung heroes'. You will definitely know some! Please let us know if you know someone who would be happy to talk to us. We would like to know what your children are interested in too, so please let us know.

In Maths this term, we will be revising numbers 1 to 20 and finding missing numbers, adding and using a variety of ways to show this including: part part whole model, bar model and number sentences. We will be moving onto subtraction. We will also be looking at 3D shapes and moving onto recognising, using and applying larger numbers, those from 11 to 20.

In literacy, we will be continuing to write basic sentences whilst focusing on using our Phonics knowledge of Phase 2 and 3. We will be becoming more independent to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will be finding out about people using non-fiction texts. We will be continuing to practise our letter formations and strengthening our pencil grips.

As the weather changes and we move into a new season, we will be looking at the changes to our environment during Spring. Additionally, we will be learning about planting our own seeds and watching them grow!! We will also be developing our knowledge of how to look after our world and keeping it tidy!

We would like to welcome Mrs Babatunde to the Reception Team. Mrs Admans will be preparing to have time off to have her baby, so Mrs Babatunde will be taking over Emerald Class and teaching your children for the rest of their Reception year. They will be in great hands! We hope you will join us in wishing Mrs Admans well and we hope to see her and baby very soon!

How can you help at home?

Please support your child to continue to practise writing their name in cursive.

- Practising letter sounds and tricky words eg. the, and, I, no, go, to, the, into, me, he, be.
- Practising counting and recognising numbers to 20.
- Recognising 2D shapes in the environment and describing their properties e.g. a triangle has 3 corners and 3 straight sides.
- Recognise numbers and letters in the environment.
- Blending sounds already learnt to make words e.g. c-a-t, p-e-g
- Writing CVC (Consonant-vowel-consonant) words e.g. p-a-n or even sentences using these.
- Practise reading using Big Cat Phonics Books.
- Using scissors.
- Getting dressed and undressed.
- Putting on coats and zipping them up.

P.E is on Tuesday for Emerald and Thursday for Peridot

Please could you ensure your child wears the correct P.E kit on the days above. P.E. kits include a white top, red or black shorts, (as shown), or black jogging bottoms and black plimsols or white trainers.



Please remove earrings on these days.

Reading books

We like to thank those who are reading regularly with their children and please continue to do so. Our reading book structure has changed slightly and to make it easier for you, we are using Big Cat Phonics books online to read with and we will continue to send home guided reading books which fit your child's Phonics ability and listen to your child read in school in various ways.

<https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/>

Don't forget we also have access to MyON for more books. <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/>

Please practise book skills such as; which way round the book is held, reading from left to right, turning pages from right to left etc. **Please read books several times to build confidence and fluency.**



Websites for support

Please visit these websites to help at home;

- Home Learning <https://www.pakemanprimary.co.uk/home-learning/cyfs-home-learning-websites-and-information/>
- Hungry Little Minds
- Maths tool kit <https://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/>
- Topmarks <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>
- Literacy Trust <http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/3-5>
- PhonicsPlay <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ParentsMenu.htm>

Water bottles and packed lunches

Please could you ensure that your child brings a **named** drinks bottle to school each day. It should have **water ONLY**.

We are encouraging healthy eating, so please encourage healthy packed lunches. We will be monitoring these.



Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing has their name on it. It makes it much easier to use a permanent laundry marker or sewn in name labels.

If you have found or borrowed clothes that are not your child's please bring them back to school so we can reunite them with their owner or use when needed. Thank you :).