

# Oasis Academy Ryelands Reception Class Weekly

## Newsletter

01.11.2021-05.11.2021



### **Growing Garden!**

We are continuing to develop our outdoor garden. If you have any plants, soil, outdoor decorations that you no longer need please do think of us, we would be happy to take them as donations. Our children love exploring the bug hotel and natural environment and it would be wonderful if we could develop this further. Many thanks.

### **Important Information/Reminders**

- The children will be taking home a library book every Friday. Please can you ensure your child has their reading record and book bag in school so they can take one home.
- Milk is provided free until the age of 5, at which point it can be purchased at a small price. However, all children must be signed up to receive milk from the <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>. Only children who have been signed up will receive milk in school.
- Hair accessories, clips and hair bands must be the school colours, blue, black or white.
- On **Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November**, our reception classes are going on a trip to South Norwood Country Park. Children are expected to wear a raincoat and appropriate footwear for the trip.

We will be leaving the school at 1.30pm and be back around 3.00pm. We will need parent helpers, therefore, if you are available to join us and help us on the trip, please let a member of the reception team know. Thank you

### **Stars of the Week**



Robin's Star of the Week is Ellen for being humble. Ellen has been a wonderful member of Robin class this week, working hard and playing nicely with her friends!

Wren's Star of the Week is **Hernani** for being joyful. Hernani comes to school every day, with a big smile on his face. He tries hard in his learning and loves taking part in all activities.

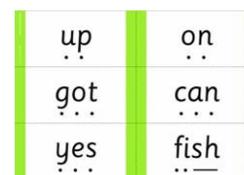


Well done to both of our stars of the week!

### **Communication, Language and Literacy, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development, Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design**

In Reception this week, we have been talking about our heritage. The children excitedly talked about where their families are from, if they had any family living abroad and how some of us were born in UK whereas others were born in different countries and came to live here. They shared some things that they do with their family and makes them special and learnt to show respect for different faiths and cultures. They looked at the way people live in different countries and practised greeting their friends in their home language. On Thursday, they learnt how people celebrate Diwali in UK and listened to the traditional story of "Rama and Sita". We ended the week listening to music which is popular in different parts of the world. During learning labs, children had great fun making musical instruments and African necklaces from pasta. They designed food and were surprised to find that some of their favourite dishes originated in a different country.

In Monster Phonics this week the children have been learning the sounds "h", "b", "f" and "i". This has included how to say the sound, write the sound and thinking of words that begin with that sound. During Monster Phonics we model blending CVC words using dots and dashes, this encourages the children to hear each individual sound and see how letters blend into words.



In Write Away, we have been focusing on letter formation and pencil grip. Writing this week's letters and some CVC words that begin with these letters. The children are modelling excellent fine motor skills and are listening careful to the support and guidance from the adults on how to improve their writing. As children's writing skills improved, we have started extending the children's writing to link closer to our topic of the week. The children tried very hard writing words and sentences linked to the story of Handa's Surprise.

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This week, our Maths carpet sessions were focused on size, weight and capacity. The children used mathematical language to compare different size objects and practised ordering objects by size.

### Weekend Activities

Take a trip to your nearest park! Look around and observe how the nature has changed from the summer. Collect some "signs" of Autumn (dead leaves, conkers, pinecones, take pictures of the grey sky, the deserted bird nests or the bare trees etc).

Recap the sounds you have learnt so far using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRoFpvC0yn0>  
Or visiting YouTube and searching Pure Speech Sounds Monster Phonics.

Picture	How to write
	Down the laces, to the heel and around the toes.
	Down the neck to the hooves and over the horses back.
	Down the stem and draw the leaves.
	Down the long leg.