

# Reception Class Newsletter

## Summer Term 2019



We hope you had a great Easter holiday and are ready for the Summer Term! The children are settling back well and we are looking forward to seeing their continued progress in the term ahead. I am pleased to let you know that Miss Hogg, our former Teaching Assistant, gave birth to a baby boy named Finn during the holidays; both Miss Hogg and Finn are doing well.

All the children had a fantastic time during Special Events week and will enjoy showing you what they did, as well as other things, at the forthcoming **Open Evening (Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 5:30 – 7:30pm)**.

This term our topics will be '**Once Upon A Time and All Around the World**'.

How can you help at home?

- Read traditional tale stories at home. Ask your child to describe the characters and events
- Use your imagination to make up stories and act them out
- Develop different types of ball skills (throwing, catching, bat and ball)
- Complete Maths Home Learning Activities every week

### Literacy

The teaching of reading and writing, appropriate to the children's ability, takes place regularly within our literacy and Read Write Inc Phonics lessons.

Please support your child's individual reading by reading at home on a **daily basis** and use the **Reading Diary** to record the reading that you do. This is an important part of your child's learning and we use this information to contribute towards your child's reading journey and assessment.

In reading we will continue to look at the elements of a story e.g. characters, settings, resolutions and endings. The children will continue to practise and learn new sounds and apply them to their reading and writing. The children will be practising reading "red words." These are words that typically cannot be phonetically sounded out such as "the" and "said". Please practise reading and writing these words at home and support your child to recognise them in different texts.

We will also be focusing on writing sentences remembering to use capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces. The children will experience writing for different purposes including recounts of stories, lists, captions, instructions, letters and writing their own sentences.

### Weekly Routines and Reminders

- On **Fridays** we have "**Show and Tell**". This is a way for the children to develop their speaking and listening skills. They can bring in an item of interest to them but not a toy e.g. - a photograph, leaflet about a place they have visited, a favourite story etc. Please see the rota below for dates, as this will ensure everyone gets a turn.
- Our **PE** day is **Thursday**. Please could you continue to ensure that **all** items of clothing are named clearly. We will also continue to take part in our daily run around the running track!
- Please send your child with their reading books, diary and library book **every** day.
- **School Library** - Our weekly time is on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child's library book is in their bag for this day so they can choose another book.
- In order that the children can have regular drinks of water we would like each child to have a named bottle with a 'sports' style top, which can be filled every morning and brought into school, (hopefully having been taken home the previous night to be washed)!
- If your child does borrow some of our clothes, please could you wash and return them as soon as possible so they are available for other children.

- Please don't forget to ... 1) use the white board outside the classroom or email the office if your child is being collected by someone different from normal; 2) make yourself visible to your child and the teacher when they come out, as it is hard to spot individual people quickly; 3) let us know if there is any relevant information we should know that may affect your child's behaviour or mood in school, as this helps us respond appropriately to them.
- Please check the school website ([www.news.maple.herts.sch.uk](http://www.news.maple.herts.sch.uk)) under our class page to view further information about the Reception curriculum overview, topic web and class twitter page (@mapleschoolrec).

We hope you enjoyed the last 'Learning Together' session. The final one of the year will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm.

I am pleased to let you know that we have welcomed Mrs Aust to the Reception team as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Aust will be working with us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We are always happy to discuss any issues with you, so feel free to contact us and we can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to a fun and busy term ahead.

**Miss Baylis and the Reception Team**

### **Reception - Show and Tell Rota - Summer Term 2019**

| Date                         | Children to show...   |
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| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May | Larissa, Kosta, Layla, Ethan, Isobel, Smayan, Katie-Mai   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May  | Seren, Henry, Rayan, Grace, Stratos, Veronika   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May  | Antonia, Alexandra, Anne, Bailey, Leo, Vincent  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May  | Iolo, Tom, Jayden, Olwen, Aysenur, Ellen, Annie, Freddie, Joshua, Fatima, Kamal, Tasha, Ana-Maria |
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| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June  | Larissa, Kosta, Layla, Ethan, Isobel, Smayan, Katie-Mai   |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June | Seren, Henry, Rayan, Grace, Stratos, Veronika   |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June | Antonia, Alexandra, Anne, Bailey, Leo, Vincent  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June | Iolo, Tom, Jayden, Olwen, Aysenur, Ellen, Annie   |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July  | Freddie, Joshua, Fatima, Kamal, Tasha, Ana-Maria  |