

# Reception Newsletter

Hello everyone and welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic Easter break. We also hope you are refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead!

We are sad to have said goodbye to Mr. Leighton but we wish him every success on his new adventure. We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the brilliant Miss Melia who joined our Early Years team in January and is loving working in Reception.

As always, please feel free to email our class address ([dtcyearr@tudhoecolliery.co.uk](mailto:dtcyearr@tudhoecolliery.co.uk)) or ring Miss Freeman via the office number (01388 814 399).

## Clothing

We aim to keep the children as active as possible during break and lunch times and therefore all children will need to wear practical footwear for school daily. On PE days, children will need to wear a warm outdoor kit (e.g. joggers, hoodies) as PE takes place on the yard.

Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are named.



## P.E Kit

Children will be required to come into school dressed in their PE kit on a **Tuesday**. If your child wears earrings, they will need to be removed by your child, removed before school, or tape can be provided for the PE session. Please ensure your child is also not wearing any other jewellery for health and safety reasons.



## Outdoors

We are very lucky to have such a wonderful open space in and around school which we will be making lots of use of this term. Please can you ensure children have a pair of wellies in school to access during our Forest School lessons and Outdoor Area provision time.

With the weather being so temperamental, children are encouraged to bring protective clothing to school which they can store in their trays e.g. hats, scarves, gloves, caps, sunglasses, sun cream. Please ensure these are named.



## Dream Reading

The children are loving picking their new Dream Read books on a Friday and they enjoy sharing what happened in each with their teachers and friends. Please can you ensure all books (including phonics books) are returned each week so the children don't miss out on changing them.



## Fruit

As part of the National Fruit Scheme, EYFS and Key Stage 1 children receive fruit daily. Children are also able to bring in **one other healthy** snack from home e.g. a cereal bar or fruit. Please tell a member of staff if your child has any allergies.

## Reading Parent Mails

Every fortnight, we will be sending home a Parent Mail for you to complete based on your child's reading habits. This is a great opportunity for us to catch up on how they are getting on or if you have any concerns so please keep an eye out!

## Milk

As part of the Cool Milk scheme, children are entitled to free milk when they are **under 5** years old. If your child has turned 5 and has previously received milk, please see the Cool Milk website for further details on how your child can continue to receive milk in school.

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>



## Showcase

We are encouraging the children to present what they have been working on during choosing time to their peers. The children are therefore putting thought into their play and are ensuring each piece of work is the best it can be. Showcase could be an amazing model they've built, a fabulous picture they've drawn or even a video of them hula hooping!



## Time to Talk

There are several time slots throughout the day where activities focus on the children talking to their peers, teachers and expressing themselves and their emotions. Children are given opportunities to talk about anything concerning them, any worries they may have and to ask any questions.



## Our wonderful day

With such amazing learning going on, we have adjusted our daily timetable a little. This is our new Summer timetable for this term:

- 9:00am—9:20 am—Registration and Time to Talk
- 9:20am—10:20am—Phonics and Reading (Read, Write, Inc.)
- 10:20am—10:35am—Break time
- 10:35am—11:30am—Maths
- 11:30am—12:00pm—Lunch time
- 12:00pm—12:30pm—Break time
- 12:30pm—12:45pm—Registration and Time to Talk
- 12:45pm—1:30pm—Writing
- 1:30pm—3:15pm—Curriculum (Topic, Art, PE, Science etc.) and afternoon break
- 3:15pm—3:30pm—Story time

## Handwashing

Throughout the day the children will be encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds, as well as sanitising at various points. This is for safety within our bubble. There is also an open toilet policy in Reception so children have free access to the toilet throughout the day as well as timetabled slots where the whole class goes e.g. before lunch. Children are encouraged to leave spare clothes in school if needed.



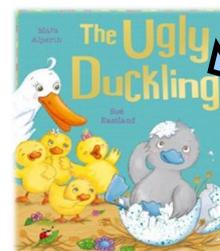
## Star of the week ★★★★★

Pete the Penguin is having so much fun with our Reception class. He has been to Miss Freeman's home over the Easter break and loved helping to eat chocolate eggs from the Easter bunny! Remember to keep working hard and Pete might choose you to go home with on a Friday afternoon!



## Topics

Our next topic is 'Our Wonderful World'. We will explore life cycles, recycling, maps, how to care for our planet and more! Further activities will stem from the children's interests. We will also be exploring the season of Spring (especially with the nice weather finally arriving) and comparing it to our work on Autumn.



This is our next **class story** and where possible we will be basing learning activities around this book. We will be talking about kindness to others and accepting we are all unique.

This story tells the tale of a duckling who is lost and is trying to find his mummy. He looks everywhere for his mummy and the other animals are unkind to him. A fox tries to trick the duckling by telling him he is a fox cub!

If you ever have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at school. We can make appointments before or after school. If we need to give you any further information, we will send an additional letter or Parent Mail.

Thank you for your support.

Class Teacher: Miss Freeman

Head Teacher: Mr Smith

Teaching Assistant: Miss Foster

Deputy Head Teacher: Miss Boustead

Teaching Assistant Apprentice: Miss Brace

Office manager: Mrs Armstrong

One-to-one Support Assistant: Miss Melia

