



## Reception News

*"What does it mean to be back at school?"*



What a beginning to the new school year! Reception has been getting used to their new classrooms and new rules. This week, we have been learning the 'St Aubyn's Promises' and have started all our specialist subjects as well! The children have enjoyed lessons in class as well as ICT, PE, music and learning rhymes. In class, they have enjoyed French lessons and learning new vocabulary. The children and teachers have been so excited to get to know each other, it really has been great fun. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!



Watching Mr Blom's Assembly



Listening to our story of the week: 'Elmer'



Our first Library visit!



The children have settled into Reception well and have been enjoying lots of different activities!

## Notices and Reminders

Thank you to those parents who have labelled all of their children's clothes. If you still have clothes and water bottles that still need to be labelled, then please do so before returning to school next week.

PE days: Please ensure that the children are sent to school on these days wearing their full PE kit including plimsolls:

RKO - Monday      RSL - Tuesday      RBW - Thursday

Friday, 18 September is 'Jeans for Genes' day! Wear a pair of jeans with your usual uniform top and shoes.

Many thanks, Reception Team

## Next Week in Reception:

Next week, we will be looking at number recognition in Maths and exploring the book 'Funny Bones' in Literacy. We will also continue our 'Marvellous Me' topic by listening to the School Nurse talk about the different bones found in our bodies. Next week, in phonics, we will be learning the sounds s, a, t, and p.



# Nursery News

## Welcome!

Despite some tears, we have had a lovely start to the year and it has been wonderful to see both classes settling in more and more quickly each day. So many of the children seem to be right at home and are enjoying exploring their new learning environments. The home corner and outdoor areas have been big hits but the children are slowly exploring and experimenting with all the different resources. The children have been working on becoming more independent in their daily routine and they have learnt about the importance of following our classroom rules.



The children have been learning the rules and expectations of the classroom, including sitting quietly on the carpet and lining up beautifully!



Exploring the outdoor woodland area and making new friends!



## All About Me

Our topic for this half term is 'All About Me'. We have been learning about the importance of personal hygiene and when we need to wash our hands. We played a 'pass the germs' game using green paint to demonstrate how easily germs spread. The children had to wash their hands thoroughly with soap to remove any trace of the 'germs'. We then talked about some of the other ways we can look after ourselves and stay clean. The children had many ideas including having a bath, brushing our teeth and washing our clothes. They particularly enjoyed bathing our classroom dolls!



## Notices and reminders:

It's 'Jeans for Genes' day on **Friday, 18 September!** Children can donate **£1** and wear jeans with their school uniform polo shirts, socks and shoes on this day. Ideally, we would prefer the children to wear elasticated jeans so that they can manage their toileting needs independently.

The children will be starting some **specialist lessons** next week including **PE, music** and **singing**. Please send your child to school on Mondays dressed in their PE kit, ready for their PE lesson first thing. We will get the children changed into their plimsolls when they arrive and change them back into their school shoes after the lesson.

They will remain in their PE kit for the whole day.