

This newsletter contains information specific to children in Reception. It should be read alongside the main school newsletter, which may contain information relevant to Reception too.



Awards and Certificates

Gold Letters

Pupils who show exceptional behaviour for the majority of the week are chosen to receive a gold letter. This week these children in reception have received a gold letter for making the right choices and following our school rules. Well done.

Merit Certificates: Safah, Keira, Elias, Kaviraj, Callen, Aleyah, Aysha, Christopher.

Presentation Award: Rodrigo, Javiraj, Ditya

Reading certificate: Jed, Devansh, Jugaadh, Sajidah.



Reception visit to Think-Tank.

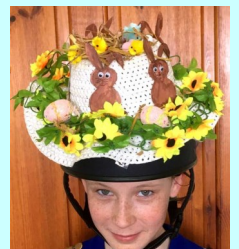
This visit will take place on

Tuesday June 13th 2023. Details about this visit were sent to parents, via the parent app, at the beginning of January.

The cost of this visit is £13.00. This amount should be paid using the parent app. It can be paid in instalments or just one payment. If you need any help using the parent app, please see a member of staff in the office.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Reception will be holding their annual Easter bonnet parade on Thursday 30th March at 9.00am. Making an Easter bonnet at home, is a lovely fun activity to do together. Please find below a few ideas to help you get started. Hats should be brought into school on the morning of the parade, as we have nowhere to store them in school.



A shout out this week to...



To all the children in Reception who have taken part in their class assembly. You were all awesome, what fantastic story tellers you all are. Amazing!

Reading books and diaries.

Thank you to all the parents who listen to their child read at home. Please could we remind parents and carers to write a comment in their child's reading diary, so the staff know the book has been shared at home. Children who have had their reading diary signed by a parent/carer three times in a week, every week for a half term will be awarded a session in our soft play area. Please ensure reading books and reading diaries are returned to school everyday.

If you require any further information about Reception, please speak to your child's teacher or email the teacher's at eyfs@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk

Dates for the diary

Thursday 23rd March 2023

RM assembly @ 9.00am in the downstairs hall

Friday 24th March 2023

Reception merit assembly

Thursday 30th March 2023

Reception Easter Bonnet parade 9.00am in the upstairs hall.

Friday 31st March

School breaks up for Easter

Monday 17th April 2023

Return to school

Phonics

This half term we will be using the digraphs we have learnt in our writing.

Digraphs are 2 letters 1 sound, often called special friends. Please find below the phrase which we use when teaching the digraphs;

ay (RWI rhyme– May I play)

ee (RWI rhyme- What can you see?)

igh (Three letters one sound. RWI rhyme– Fly high)

ow (RWI rhyme- Blow the snow)

oo (RWI rhyme– Poo at the zoo)

oo (RWI rhyme– Look at the book)

ar (RWI rhyme– Start the car)

or (RWI rhyme– Shut the door)

air (Three letters one sound RWI rhyme– That's not fair)

ir (RWI rhyme– Whirl and twirl)

ou (RWI rhyme– Shout it out)

oy (RWI rhyme– Toy for a boy)

Please refer to the phonics chart, sent home last term, for further help.

We will be learning to read and write these tricky red words;

you, your, my, by

Teaching children to read and write can be a quite confusing process, if you need any help with this, please speak to a member of the Reception team.

Home learning

Use the handwriting videos on the school website to practise writing the letters

Curly letters– e & s

Zig zag letters– v, w, z, x

(Parents tab top of school home page, click on EYFS, then EYFS again, scroll down to phonics information, click on learning to write letters, then select the video)



Tips– Try and use a tripod grip.

Sit at a table to write.

Maths

◆ Subitise up to 4

Subitising is when you are able to look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting. E.g recognising the arrangements of spots on dice and dominoes. Subitising 1,2 3,4 objects arranged in a variety of ways.

◆ Recall instantly, without using objects, fingers or rhymes, subtraction facts to 5

5-1 5-2 5-3 5-4 5-5 5-0

4-1 4-2 4-3 4-4 4-0

3-1 3-2 3-3 3-0

2-1 2-2 2-0

1-1 1-0

◆ Understand & recall 1 more & 1 less (up to 10) without using objects, fingers or rhymes

Children should understand that when finding 1 more, it is the next number they count and when finding 1 less it s the number before.

Keeping safe near roads

- Talk to a grown up about how to keep safe near roads.
- When you are out and about with a grown up practise crossing the road safely using a zebra crossing, a pelican crossing and with the help of a lollipop person.

