



# Reception Newsflash



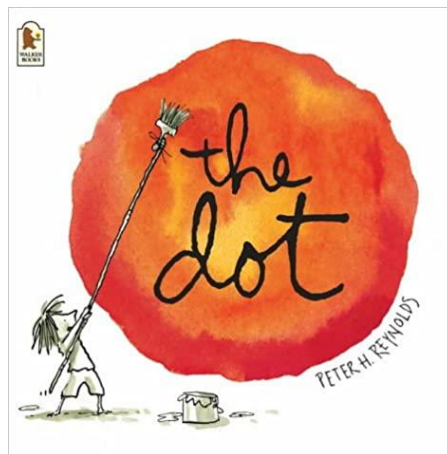
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## Reception Weekly News

It has been a lovely week in Reception, with the children settling well into the routine and expectations of 'Big School'. We have enjoyed getting to know our new classmates and it has been lovely to see new friendships developing as the children explore the different learning areas and resources together. After completing self-portraits last week, this week we decided to draw a picture of a new friend we had made. We looked carefully at hair and eye colour, noticing how each of us look different from each other but we are all special.

Some nice weather has meant we have spent lots of time outside in the Learning Garden. Children have really embraced the challenge of completing the Trim Trail, with many already like mini Spidermen scaling to the top of the net!

Wednesday was 'Dot Day'. We enjoyed sharing the story 'The Dot', a lovely tale about believing in ourselves and having a go. Just like the little girl in the story we all had a go at seeing what pictures we could create from a simple dot, with some very creative results.



'Wiggle while you squiggle' got us all moving to music whilst helping to develop our shoulder and arm muscles in preparation for mark making and writing. Why not watch the videos on line and have a go at home – any music will do, but we enjoyed a bit of Dolly Parton and 9 to 5.

**When we dismiss children at the end of the school day, please can we ask that you only wave when your child is at the front of the line. We are still familiarising ourselves with parents and this makes it easier to spot where you are standing and speeds up the process- particularly as we are drawing into the winter months.**

## P.E

Over the next week we will continue to carry out Baseline activities with the children. During this time we will continue our physical development through Yoga, Wiggle while you Squiggle sessions and play opportunities in the Learning Garden.

P.E sessions will commence the following week (w/b 27.9.21) with each class having a designated day and session.

### **Class 1 – Wednesday Class 2 - Friday Class 3 - Friday**

On your child's PE day, please make sure they come to school dressed in their full PE kit with school shoes on. We will put our pumps on in school. In preparation, PE bags should be sent into school next week containing clearly named pumps.

## Forest School

All children in Reception will have the opportunity to participate in a block of Forest School sessions, this academic year. These will take place on a Friday for 5 weeks. Provisional start dates for each Class are detailed below.

Class 2 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Class 3 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November (split over Christmas/ New Year holiday)

Class 1 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Further information regarding this and the clothing required will be sent out closer to the time.

## Uniform

Please can you ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. Please label EVERYTHING as we already have several cardigans and jumpers that nobody has claimed.

## Weekly Home Learning Challenges

This week's home learning challenge is for children to look at and share some simple Nursery Rhymes. This could be as part of your bedtime routine. This will support of our early phonics learning promoting children's listening and rhyming skills.



## Important Information

Thank you to everyone who has returned snack money. Any outstanding amounts can still be sent in via a named envelope in your child's bag or to the Office. Snack money is £1 per week and can be sent in weekly or half termly. This half term is a 7 week so the cost for this half term's snack is £7.