



## Reception News

Welcome back everybody! This half term our topic is Lights and Festivals and we will be exploring all the different festivals and celebrations that take place throughout September-December.

This week we have been learning all about Halloween. We have explored pumpkins, their pulp and seeds and completed a range of different Halloween themed art projects. We sponge printed pumpkins, we made spiders using black dough, googly eyes and pipe cleaners and used our scissor skills to make Halloween masks and pictures. We used the story of The Room on the Broom to guide our formal learning this week and have been trying to write words from the story. We thought about who/what we would have on our own broomsticks and even attempted to label our pictures. In maths this week we have learned about subitising. That is the ability to see an amount of objects and identify how many there are without counting them. We have been using this skill to think about our number bonds for numbers 1-5 by identifying what we see. We have worked really hard on this and will build upon these skills as the weeks go on to progress onto our number bonds to 10. Next week we will be thinking about fireworks as firework night falls on Sunday 5th November and we will be learning about the story of Guy Fawkes.

### Challenges!

**Reading:** Please read at home each night and record this in your child's reading record. Your child's reading book will be changed weekly. You can record any story that you read or share together at home.

**Bedtime story:** Please log on to Tapestry this eve and every Friday for a bedtime story read by one of our team for you and your child to enjoy together. This can be recorded as a 'read' in your child's reading record.

**Phonics:** Below is the Bug Club link to the sounds and actions we will be learning this term

<https://mediaplayer.pearsoncmg.com/assets/bcpafsp2>

**Phonics video:** Each week we will send home a phonics video for your child to watch and join in with at home recorded by one of the EYFS team.

**Tapestry:** Don't forget to add your adventures to Tapestry—the children love sharing their photos on the big board and this really helps to support their speaking and listening skills.

### Weekly Routines

PE will be outside on a Monday afternoon while the weather is dry. Please make sure all jewellery is removed.

**Reading books**—reading books will be changed weekly. Other books can be recorded in you child's reading record.



### Certificate winners

School value: Aaliyah, Alfie & Alayna

Superstar reader: Kyra, Bobby & Khaliyah

Superstar writer: Ruby, Mia & Lucas



### Reading winners

The winning class this week are ..... RTR!! With a total of 96 reads!

Well done for collectively achieving the most reads at home this week. Your class will be caring for our special reading bear this week as a reward :-)

## Nursery news

Welcome back everyone from our half term holidays. We hope that you all had a lovely break and have come back ready for more learning. This week Nursery have been reading the story 'The Pumpkin who was Afraid of the Dark' which is a lovely story about 'Boo' the pumpkin who is a little scared about Halloween and whether she likes it or not. In the end she makes some lovely friends and is used to light up the dark! The children have been pumpkin painting, made pumpkin collages to decorate our windows, played with coloured messy play using rice and playdough and as always have been practising their name writing and number formation.

The children also got to be creative at the end of the week by putting their glitter skills to the test when making their firework pictures. We also spoke about firework safety and how to be super sensible if visiting any displays over the next few days. Have a lovely weekend!

### Tapestry & Class Charts

Thank you to everyone who has already uploaded photos of their child and their news. It really is appreciated and helps with communication during carpet time. Please keep them coming! If you have yet to access either Tapestry and/or Class Charts, then please let one of the Nursery Team know.

### Bottles/Welly boots

Please ensure that your child has a named drinks bottle that it is filled with water before coming to Nursery, plus a pair of named spare welly boots.

## Dates for the diary

Reception parents eve 8th & 9th November

### NHS Speech drop in

If your child is under 5 years old and you have any concerns about your child's speech, language, communication or interaction skills please contact NELFT at Great Oaks for an appointment to support your child on the contact details below.

Email: [drop-in@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:drop-in@nelft.nhs.uk)

Telephone: 0300 300 1544



### Children's centres

We have a few children's centres local to us who are able to offer a great deal of support to families. They run lots of sessions and groups for different aged children as well as parents. Please check out time website below—there is a timetable of events available on this page.

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/hubs/northlands-park-family-hub/>



**Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service**

## Reporting absences

Please make sure to report your child's absences each day that they are off using PA Connect.

This should be reported by 8.30am each day.