

November 2023
Term 2
Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

It has been so wonderful to see the children bursting with excitement this week! There have been a few changes in the classroom which you may have noticed. We have a wall (coming this weekend) separating the two classrooms, and it has been freshly painted. There is also a magnificent new addition to the EYFS team, Sophie. Together we have been creating a spectacular curriculum for the children and cannot wait to spark their curiosity with some super ideas!

Please see below the timetable for both classes to see who will be teaching when. Both class teachers have allocated time out of class for their planning, subject or leadership time. There is a continuous advertisement out for LSWs at the moment. We will ensure we are being as consistent as possible for the children with new staff.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Learning Support Worker (LSW)
Hippo Class	Sophie	Sophie	AM Sophie PM Polly	Sophie	Sophie	TBC

Learning this term:

Over the next term we will be exploring Diwali and Christmas alongside the beautiful seasons Autumn and Winter. Alongside this, we will be thinking about our whole school value Compassion. In particular, how we can show compassion to others in our community. The first day back we celebrated Compassion with a whole school Art Day. We discussed how we can be compassionate for others whether that's helping grandma with the gardening, or learning 'good morning' in British Sign Language.

Please see the Topic Web in addition to this newsletter for an overview of subjects.

Things to bring in each day in Reception:

Please ensure that your child brings the following to school every day:

- School book bag, containing reading book and reading record
- A named water bottle (water only, not squash or fizzy drinks)
- Named waterproof coat.
- Named wellies. (To keep in school not urgent)
- **Snack** (fruit or veg only)
- It would also be useful if you could provide a spare set of (including underwear) clothes in case of any accidents, in a plastic bag, which can be stored safely in the classroom.

Example timetable for Reception

	8:45-9:00	9:00-9:15	9:15-9:30/40	9:40-10:00	10:00 – 10:15	10:15 – 10:30	10:30 –	11:10-	11:30 -	12:15 -	12:30 - 12:45	12:45 – 1:15	1:15 - 1:30	1:30 - 1:45	1:45 - 2:30 Adults listen to children read	2:45 - 3:00	3:00 - 2:25
Monday		day etc	Phonics			English input	Continuous Provision	Tidy up/wash hands	Lunchtime Mindfulness and register	gister	Maths input	Continuous Provision	Snack	Dough Disco	Continuous Provision	Phonics games	
Tuesday	ing activity	for the	Phonics	Phonics Wovement Break Full and Milk		English input	Continuous Provision				Topic input	Continuous Provision	1:40pm - 2:00pm Music	Dough Disco	Continuous Provision	Phonics games	
Wednesday	Self-registration and morning activity	week, weather, timetable	9 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		Movement Bred	English input	Continuous Provision			Aindfulness and reg	Maths input	Continuous Provision	Snack	Dough Disco	Continuous Provision	Phonics games	Storytime
Thursday	Self-reg	Register, day of the week,	Phonics			English input	Continuous Provision			V	Topic input	Continuous Provision	Snack	Dough Disco	Continuous Provision	Phonics games	
Friday	Reg	Phonics			English input	Continuous Provision				Maths input	Continuous Provision	Snack	Dough Disco	Continuous Provision	Phonics games		

Reading Books

It has been fantastic to see that the children have started reading at home with their adults or siblings. Please remember to make a note in their reading record every time this happens. At school, the adults in the classroom are beginning to read more and more with the children alongside consistent phonic check ins. These will be appearing more in their reading records from us this term. We are so proud of their progress! I am sure it must feel exciting to hear them begin to read!

Home time

Please can we ask that at pick up time you stay behind our class gates. It can be tricky to navigate children when there are adults within our outside area. Of course, if it is raining, please use our shelter!

Dates for your diary:

9/11/23 – Panda Class trip to Westonbirt Arboretum

16/11/23 – Hippo Class trip to Westonbirt Arboretum

4/12/23 – Share my learning! (a chance to look at your child's work from the term – no bookings, just turn up \bigcirc) 3:20 – 4:00pm

8/12/23 – Winter Fayre (after school if you wish to have a look around!)

8/12/23 LAND event

12/12/23 – Christmas Nativity Performance 1 - 2:15pm (School main hall)

13/12/23 – Christmas Nativity Performance 2 - 9:30am (School main hall)

*We will send information regarding the Christmas performances by the end of week 2.

If you would like to help with our trip this term, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

Best wishes for an enjoyable term!

Chloe, Sophie and Silvia