

# RECEPTION



13th September 2024

## First week success!

A huge well done to the children for a successful and positive start to their first week in Reception. The children are already making new friends, settling in to their new classroom environments and growing in confidence every day. We are so proud of them! Please let us know if you did not get a Welcome bag (with the poem, newsletter, tissue and biscuit in) as we have lots of spares left.

## Our Topic this term

This term, our topic will be 'All About Me.' The children will be learning lots about themselves, their emotions and their interests. We will also be reading a book called, 'The Colour Monster' which explores emotions and how to manage and regulate different feelings and emotions.

## Maths

We have been learning how to subitise so that we can recognise an amount without having to count. We will use the term 'subitise with your eyes,' to encourage the children to recognise amounts just by looking at them. We have focused on 1 and 2 this week. We have also been singing lots of counting songs and have been exploring measurement (using language such as empty, full, half empty) in our areas of the provision.

## My Happy Mind

We have started a new programme called 'My Happy Mind' which focuses on children's mental health and wellbeing. It teaches children about the brain and helps them to understand their emotions. We have been introduced to new characters called Bertie and Betty.

## Read Write Inc.

We will be starting Read Write Inc next week. This is a scheme that we use as a school to teach the children to read, write and spell. We will be holding a workshop in the next few weeks so that you can begin to understand how we teach phonics in Reception; this will help you to support your child with reading at home.

## Donuts for Grown Ups

On **Monday 16th September**, we will be opening our doors early for you to come into class, enjoy a donut and spend some quality time with the children in their learning environment. We will open the door at **2.40pm**. We hope to see you there.

## Personal, social & emotional development

We have been learning about our emotions. We watched clips from the film 'Inside Out' and the children worked with a partner to identify how the character was feeling and why. The children were amazing at recognising different emotions.

## Follow us on social media

We will have SeeSaw up and running soon- we are just waiting for the class to be updated on the system and then we can give you a QR code for your child. Whilst you are waiting, you can follow our Twitter (X) account @NCPS\_EYFS

## Hometime

Please bear with us at home time- we promise that pick ups will become quicker but we are still trying to remember parents/ carers faces. To speed up this process, please say your child's name as you come to the classroom door. If your child is going to be picked up by someone else, please let us know in advance. Thank you!

Thank you for your support! Mrs O'Keeffe & Miss Dutton  
Miss McGrath & Miss Glascott