

Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 15.09.25

Term 1 topic- Who am I? Who are my family?

Our story of the week- 'Anna Hibiscus' song' by Atinuke Lauren Tobia



What a busy week it has been!

Even though the weather has been mixed this week, we have really enjoyed being outside.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- In class we have been talking about expectations, praising good manners and making the right choices. Setting expectations from the very start ensures the children are aware of what is required and enables them to feel secure. The children are settling well into the routines and boundaries in Reception and are enjoying exploring their new surroundings. We have also been using our listening skills and remembering our school rules – be ready, be respectful, be safe!

In our Jigsaw (our Personal, Social, Emotional curriculum) session this week, we looked at different toys around the class and discussed which we liked and why. The children were asked if they have any of these toys or if they have different toys at home. Just like these toys we are all different. We are unique but part of our class family. This is what makes our school a wonderful place to be. We also talked about the importance of looking after our toys and resources and tidy up time.

Communication and Language- We have had lots of discussions about ourselves this week and have been thinking about who is in our family. Thank you for your participation in sticker homework this week... 'Tell me what makes me happy'. The children were so keen to tell us what you had told them.

Physical Development-

We have enjoyed using a variety of equipment on our playground and the new wooden construction materials have been very popular. We love the outdoors in Reception and use it every day. In PE this week we learnt that it is important to warm up our muscles before we start exercising. We practised lots of different ways to travel, such as marching, hopping, jumping and skipping. We worked with a partner and enjoyed travelling around together.

Ask us about Gonoodle! These songs and videos are a fun activity break which helps us move around and makes us think!

We have introduced dough disco this week. This strengthens the muscles in our fingers and hands to develop our fine motor skills and helps us draw and write. We have a little ball of playdough and manipulate it with our fingers and hands to music! Great fun! We are continuing with Squiggle and have been doing 'crossovers' this week. Ask us to show you!

Literacy- We have loved reading and exploring our story of the week, 'Anna Hibiscus' Song', and have enjoyed our end of day stories. The children are also enjoying using our book corners to share stories and information books with their friends. We will be starting our assessments next week and finding the children's individual starting points. Please fill in the stories you have been reading with your child every day in the red reading record and make a short comment.

Mathematics- We have been counting all the children in the class this week. We have been using lots of mathematical language in our play and have been investigating different maths resources in the classrooms. Teachers have been very impressed when children filled the Numicon tiles without leaving any gaps – well done!

Understanding the World- We have looked at Amazing Africa this week as this is where Anna Hibiscus is from. She hid in the Mango tree in the story and we have had great conversations about our favourite fruit! We found our country and the continent of Africa on the globes and in the atlases.

Expressive Arts and Design- We are a very creative bunch in Reception. We have drawn our families on black paper with pastels which are very impressive. We also love to explore paint freely and we have each drawn a little picture of ourselves in our school uniform and stuck them together to show we belong to our class! 'Belonging' is our school value this term. We enjoyed our book of the week, 'Anna Hibiscus' so much, and created a picture from the book using pastels and collage. Our role play areas are busy every day and a great way to develop communication and interaction between the children.

Supporting learning at home

- Challenge your child to dress and undress themselves! Getting changed for PE this week was a challenge so helping teach your child how to dress and undress independently would be greatly appreciated.
- Challenge them to put on their coat and fasten their shoes!
- Talk about the numbers you can see when you are out and about – for example door numbers, prices in shops.
- Give your child two flannels, put on some music and see what they do...!
- Practise writing your child's name with them, with one capital letter and the rest of the letters lower case. Encourage correct letter formation.

Do go onto the website and look at what we've been doing this week...

<https://www.follyviewprimary.co.uk/>

Notes for next week 22.9.25

- Remember coats, book bags and water bottles (**with only water** in please) to be in school every day.
- Please can you make sure PE kit is **named** and kept in school all term... red, black or white t-shirt, shorts, or leggings with black plimsols. We will send it home to be washed at the end of every short term.

Have a lovely weekend!