

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, another busy week in Reception! The children have been amazing in their first week of full days at school, I expect they have been very tired when they got home! The children continue to be very settled in the classroom and are enjoying developing relationships with each other and the grown-ups. They really enjoy exploring all the exciting areas in both our classrooms and outside in the garden. They are not afraid to have a go at something new and have enjoyed exploring the big playground in the morning and are especially enjoying the new trim trail! They have been using their listening skills and are becoming familiar with our school rules to be 'ready', 'respectful' and 'safe'.

Each week we base our learning around a different book. This week our story was 'I like myself' by Karen Beaumont. For our 'tell me about' homework this week you talked to your child about things they liked about themselves. They loved coming back into school and telling us all about the things they like about themselves. On the art table we have been looking closely at our own faces in the mirror and then re-creating our faces onto a paper plate. We have also drawn a self portrait using charcoal.

In reception we do lots of activities to develop our gross motor and fine motor skills to help us with our drawing, writing and cutting skills. This week we started 'squiggle' to support our gross motor skills. It is so much fun! In squiggle we hold a 'flipper flapper' (flannel) in each hand. Our teacher puts on some music and we copy the way our teachers move their arms. Ask us to show you some moves!

This week we have done some activities with each child to see what they already know in literacy and maths. We are very impressed with how well each child has completed these activities.

Here are some reminders of important information about next week and the weeks going forward.

- On Monday, your child will be coming home with a 'tell me about' sticker on them. Please talk to your child about what is written on their sticker and we will have small group discussions about this on Tuesday.
- On Fridays, starting from today, the weekend Bears will be coming home with one of you! He loves to spend time with reception class members at their home. Your child can then draw pictures or write words tell us all about their weekend. Please don't feel like you need to do anything special, the bears love to help around the house or go for a walk.
- Every Friday, a Reception newsletter will be sent out with the children detailing all the exciting things we have done in school that week, how you can help at home and important information for the following week. Please keep an eye out for them! These newsletters and photographs will be uploaded onto the website under class pages.
- A login for parent pay was sent home last week. If you did not receive the letter, please speak to the school office. All communication will be sent out through parent pay.

- Finally, here is a reminder of all the opportunities for you to visit the classroom and work alongside your children. Exact dates and timings will follow.

Term:	Topic and curriculum enhancements:	Parental / Guardian Opportunities:
1	Who am I?	Phonics Presentation – Come and find out more about our phonics scheme. Phonics Stay and Play – Join your child in class and watch how phonics is delivered.
2	Can you tell me a story? - We will be inviting parents in to talk about their occupations.	Parents Evening. Storytime – Join your child at the end of the day for storytime and a Gonoodle.
3	Around the world. - We are also working on a trip to a restaurant but if anyone knows of a local restaurant that would invite the children into do some cooking (and eating) please get in touch. - Tasting Chinese food	Our Mystery Reader Starts – More details to follow but prepare to be excited! Stay and Play – Join your child for the morning to find out what happens in our morning sessions and play alongside your child.
4	How do we get around? - Trip to the fire station or visit from the fire engine.	Mystery Reader. Parents Evening. Maths Open Afternoon Stay and Play – Come and join your child to work out the maths challenges.
5	What is happening in our garden? - Zoolab visit in school.	Mystery Reader. Stay and Play.
6	Water, water everywhere! - Trip to the church, the library and a picnic with The Elms Reception classes.	Mystery Reader. Open Classroom - Come and look at your child's profiles.

Thank you so much for your support. Have a lovely weekend and we'll look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning. Have a great weekend!

The Reception team at Folly View Primary