

# What is happening in Reception this week?

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## Literacy



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We will be listening to some new stories this week. One of the stories is 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. This is about a little boy, who sets out to catch a star to be his friend. We will explore the story, the character's feelings and the setting and will learn this story well so we can make a story map to help us retell it. We will also listen to other stories including 'My Monster and Me' and 'Ruby's Worries'.

In phonics, most of us are now learning special friends. We will all be practising oral blending, reading green and red words, practising writing sounds and spelling words with the sounds we know well. We are all practising writing CVC words, most of us are writing them in phrases with finger spaces.

## Maths

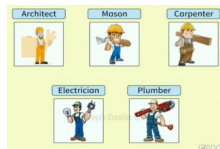


In Maths, we will be reciting numbers to 20 and back. We will learn to recognise the number 17 and count 17 objects. We will practise reading numerals to 20 and writing our numerals. During the week, we will explore solving mathematical problems practically, using addition and subtraction. We will also be thinking about how we can record and show our thinking.

## Topic



We start our new topic this week, 'People who help us to stay safe, healthy and well'. We will be thinking about people at home, like our families but also people like plumbers, electricians and refuse collectors. We will also be thinking about our human body and what different parts do to help us. Our eyes see, our ears hear, our nose smells, our tongue tastes and our skin feels. These are our senses! Our brain helps us think and have emotions. Our stomach helps us eat the food we put in our mouths. Our wrists, ankles, knees, elbows and hips help us move.



## Messages

We hope you have all had a wonderful half-term holiday. Some PE kits didn't get sent out to wash, so we are planning to send them out this Monday. Please could you check your child's PE kit still fits and has their name in. Could you please send it back, in a named bag, ready for PE next week on Friday. Could you please also remember to take out their earrings and only wear tights on PE days, if they put these on themselves - thank you!

Please ensure your child has a warm, winter coat, ideally with a hood, a pair of wellies, a warm hat and gloves. Children need suitable clothing for learning outside in the winter. Please label them all, so when we find gloves or scarfs, we know who to return them to.

Your child has passwords in their diaries to access Oxford Owl and Ten Town at home. Please let us know if you are having difficulties with logging in. They provide some great online support for them.



## How can you help at home?

Please continue to practise oral blending with your child daily. If they can blend 3 sounds then please extend them to 4 to help them progress in their reading. The Fred game links and Oxford Owl activities will help with this. Please practise sounds daily and listen to your child read if they are bringing home words, sheets and/or books. Some children are now learning the first six set 2 sounds and these can be trickier. Please continue to practise reading all the sounds they have learned.

Please share books and read to your child every night if you can. Try and develop a love of reading that will stay with them for the rest of their lives! The children are able to select a school book to bring home, for you to enjoy together. They should return the book each Friday to exchange for a new one.

You can also support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home learning.



## Our Learning

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki or Ms York.

We hope you all have a lovely week!