30th September 2022



Our First Month in Reception!

We have had a fantastic start to our first half term in Reception. We are so proud with how well the children have settled in and we have loved getting to know each and every one of our brilliant children. We have to say, it was lovely to see all of your family pictures. They were so proud to talk about their life at home!

This month we have been so busy reading our fab 5 stories, using Talk4Writing to retell the story of The Three Little Pigs, labelling characters and even writing captions!

We have started our RWI phonics sessions, where we are learning to read and write phonetically. The children have loved learning their new sounds.

In Maths, we have been learning numbers to 5. We have been ordering, writing and counting objects to match representations such as Numicon and five frames.

Next Month

Next month, we will be reading one of our favourite stories, 'Owl Babies' and learning to write speech bubbles and captions.

We will continue with our phonics sessions, where we will begin to segment and blend sounds to read words. Watch out for Fred the Frog who helps us sound out words!



In Maths, we will be learning to read and write numbers to 10 and apply this to mathematical concepts.

Routines

Thank you for supporting your children on a morning and helping them come into school so amazingly! We are delighted at how confident the children have become, independently putting their things away (including book bags in drawers) before we join as a class for the register.

Belongings

We would like to ask that all book bags, water bottles, cardigans, jumpers, hats and coats are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Lunches

Please remember we are a **nut free** school. If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, please remember that we require pack lunches to be **nut, seed, egg and cereal free** due to allergies in the class.

Twitter

We really enjoy sharing the children's learning environment, and activities we do in class with you via Twitter. We update this regularly throughout the week to keep you up to date with what is going on in school. Please complete your twitter Google form if you haven't already done so and request to follow the class page.



@OPALG_RHO_2223 @OPALG_RC2223

Resources

We are always very grateful for any resources we can use, especially things we can use to make models at school. Please see below a list of resources we are always looking for to enhance our modelling area.

- Cardboard tubes
- Various sizes of cardboard boxes
- Pasta
- Tin foil
- Autumnal objects (conkers, fir cones)
- Anything interesting that you have spare and you think the children will enjoy using!

Unfortunately, we cannot accept any boxes or containers that have had seeds, nuts, eggs or cereal in them.

Learning Log/Homework

Every **Friday**, your child will bring home a learning log, reading book and reading diary. These are to be completed and returned the following **Thursday**.

School Trip

As part of our project work in school, this half term we are thinking about 'Me and My Locality'. We are looking at built and natural environments. Our school trip this half term will be a locality walk, where we will be going on a little adventure around the area of our school to look at natural and built aspects in our locality.

This will take place on Wednesday 5th October 2022 RHO – 10am – 11am RC – 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Fingers crossed it will be dry weather!

Reading

At Lofthouse Gate we love to read. Each term we will have our 5 favourite class books to enjoy with the children. This term our favourite 5 books are;



The Rainbow Fish Ruby's Worry Hugless Dougless Tiddler Six Dinner Sid



We hope you enjoy listening to all the stories about your child's fantastic first month in school and we can't wait to see them again on Monday. Do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team if you have any questions.

