

News from the Early Years

Please remember to check the **school website**. There is up to date information about school dates and events on the school calendar.

Reception Class Admissions- September 2024

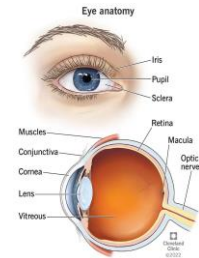
(For children born between 1 September 2018-31 August 2019)

Please make sure you have completed the application online and have received a confirmation email. Late applications are seriously disadvantaged so if you have **not** already applied then do so as soon as possible. Please feel free to speak to Miss Angie if you need further support.

Children's Mental Health Week: 5th-11th February 2024

This year the theme is **'My Voice Matters'**.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. This year, we want to empower children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing. Our aim is for Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - **"My Voice Matters."**



Eye Checks

Has your child had a sight test? These can be done for **free** at a local optician. Taking your child for a sight test helps to build good eye health habits into adulthood.

Vaccinations

Has your child had their pre-school boosters? At the age of 3 years and 4 months you should be called to book your child for their second dose of the MMR vaccination

Makaton sign of the week is:

Next to

Makaton words we have learnt at school so far:

- Back
- Front
- Near
- Far
- Big
- Small
- quick



We recommend buying a book bag from the school office to keep your child's reading books safe.

Google classroom and Bug Club Log in details

You will be given log in details for Google classroom and Bug club. Please log in and check that these are both working. Please see a member of staff if you are having trouble.

New learning will be posted every Friday on Google classroom for children in the nursery only **starting from Spring Term 2.**

Voluntary Contributions

A gentle reminder that we have not received the voluntary contributions from parent/carers which is used to buy consumables in the early years. We rely heavily upon this donation.

Please bring your £5 contribution into school.

Nursery Class

What is in the bag... This half-term the Nursery have started a new mini project called: **What's in the bag?** as part of this project the Nursery class have dived into a book called 'Who is in the Egg?' by Alexandra Milton **The Hook...** This led to a visit to Morrison's to buy eggs. The children used their senses to explore the eggs. Most children learnt that there are different coloured eggs and different animals can live in eggs.

They explored hot, cold, sticky, dark and learnt new words such as oval, massive, enormous, swamp, desert, yolk and

The Nursery spoke about their own families, which was linked to baby animals who also have families.

Throughout the project, children went on an oval hunt and sorted 2d shapes by names and their properties.

Information books and video clips were used to encourage further talk and develop children's knowledge and understanding of the following: penguins and ostriches.



Reception Class

What have we been learning



Reception Class have welcomed three new children into their Reception family this month. They have all settled well and made a great addition to our already vibrant class!

This month we have been learning through our focus books 'The Paper Dolls', 'The Great Paper Caper' and the story 'Clean up' about a very spirited and courageous character, Rocket.

We have had many discussions about the paper dolls story, characters and main plot. We have drawn and painted beautiful pictures about the story and written captions to accompany our pictures.

Discussions around the story led us to thinking about paper and where it comes from. We then delved into finding out a little more about recycling- why it is important and where it goes! We spoke about the **3 R's- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** and the children have been great at sorting the recycled materials and reusing it to make and create!

In the story 'The Great Paper Caper', a bear learns the value of paper, where it comes from and how to reuse it to make more. We were inspired by this to make our own paper and we had a pulping time!



