

Reception Newsletter

April 2012



Learning Focus

Our learning focus for this half term is 'Senses'. We have already been busy, finding out about our senses of sight and touch. This week, we will be finding out about our sense of hearing, going on a listening walk and exploring noisy poems. We will then explore our senses of smell and taste. The learning focus will culminate with the children designing and making a pizza using toppings they will have chosen themselves. The next few weeks will look like this:

23rd April	Hearing
30th April	Taste and Smell
8th May	Designing Pizzas
14th May	Making Pizzas



During the last few weeks of the half term, we will be finding out all about the Queen and the royal family. We will be doing lots of exciting things in preparation for a celebration of her Diamond Jubilee.

Role Play Areas

The children have already created three new role play areas in Reception! They thought about what kind of place they would like, voted for the best idea and then worked together to make it themselves:

- RR: A Garage
- RY: A Cafe
- RB: A Caravan



A date for your diary

Our final workshops for this year will be at 9am - 10.30 on:

- Red Class: Monday 28th May
- Yellow Class: Tuesday 29th May
- Blue Class: Wednesday 30th May

We will send a letter to you with more information nearer to the time.



Hats and Water

As we (hopefully) approach the warmer weather during the summer, could you ensure that children bring a water bottle into school every day. In Reception, a lot of our learning takes place outside so it is important that children bring a clearly named cap or hat to school on sunny days so they are sheltered from the sun. If you feel it is appropriate for your child to wear sun cream, we would recommend that you apply a long lasting sun cream before they come to school.

Allergy Alert

As part of our 'Senses' learning focus, children will have the opportunity to taste a variety of foods throughout the half term. During our 'Taste and Smell' week, the children will be able to taste a small sample of different flavoured crisps to help them to think about their likes and dislikes. Later on in the half term, the children will taste different pizza toppings: ham, pineapple, chicken, sweetcorn, mushroom and red pepper. They will then make a pizza using two toppings they will have chosen and put them on a bread base covered with tomato sauce and cheese. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any concerns.



Thank you, from the Reception Team:

Miss Murphy, Miss Douglas, Mrs Barone, Mrs Joyner, Mrs Wells, Mrs Perry and Miss Hall