Reception News

Week beginning: **21st September 2026** • Class: YRCF

A little look at what we have been learning and enjoying together this week.

Our week at a glance

This week in Reception, we explored new sounds, enjoyed numbers to 10 and musical patterns, talked about our feelings, and spent lots of time playing outdoors and discovering nature.

Phonics and early reading

Sounds: i, n, m, d
We have been practising recognising the sounds, hearing them at the beginning of words and beginning to blend sounds together to read simple words. We have also had lots of fun practising our letter formation in different ways, including writing in foam, rice and sand. The children have enjoyed sorting objects and pictures according to their initial sounds too. We practised blending, listening for initial sounds and forming letters in different ways.

Maths

Focus: Numbers from 5-10
In maths, we have been exploring numbers to 10. We have used Ten Town to help us become familiar with each number and have really enjoyed the number stories, characters and rhymes. We have been counting, recognising numbers and developing our understanding of what each number represents.

Stories and creativity

We have shared lots of stories about friendhips, kindness and feeling and emotions.
The children have been playing musical games to explore high and low sounds and copied simple rhythms using body sounds – clap, stomp, move.

Feelings and friendships

We have begun some important work around emotions and feelings, talking about how we might feel in different situations and beginning to recognise and name our emotions. This is something we will continue to build on throughout the year.

Outdoor adventures

As always, there has been plenty of time for outdoor play and exploration. The children have particularly enjoyed Forest Friday where they explored the school grounds looking closely through magnifying glasses at the nature items collected. They have collected leaves ready for our work next week using the story Leaf Man.

Try it at home

Go on a sound hunt together! Look for things beginning with i, n, m or d, then count how many you find, up to 10.

Dates and reminders

Please ensure your child's reading books are placed in the box if you would like it changed.
Reading bags with key rings need to be in the box every Friday to ensure they receive the new sounds attached to their keyring.

Thank you for your support • The Reception team