



# Reception Newsletter

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026

### Weekly Message

This week, we have enjoyed reading the story *The Colour Monster Goes to School*. We discussed what the colour monster needed in his backpack and then did their first piece of work in their English books, drawing what they would pack in their school backpack and writing the initial sounds, such as 's' for 'snack'. We have been practising our cutting skills, by giving the colour monster a haircut, collaging the different colour monsters, sorting different emotions into the zones of regulation (red, green, yellow and blue).

In phonics, we learnt the sounds p, n, c k and e. We completed crafts relating to the focus sound, such as turning the elephant into Elmer by filling it with rainbow e letters and filling the p letter with pom poms. We also painted our self portraits to display in the classroom and used these to discuss and similarities and differences.

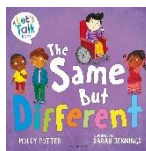
If your child is happy and confident to walk in on their own, they are welcome to go straight into the classroom rather than waiting outside. This helps make the morning drop-off a little easier and less busy for everyone.

### A peek at the week

Next week our focus story will be *The Disgusting Sandwich* and the book *The Same but Different*. We will be designing and making our very own disgusting sandwiches and then our own healthy and delicious sandwiches on Thursday!

In Phonics we will be learning the sounds, m, d, r, and h. We will be going on sound hunts around the garden searching for the hidden letters that we have learnt. We will be discussing in what ways we are all similar but also different and why that is so important and talking about our likes and dislikes.

In maths, we will be using nursery rhymes as our focus to help us understand finding the total amount of a group and practising counting using 1:1 correspondence.



### EYFS Donations

- Magazines (specifically food focused magazines)

### Reminders

On Wednesdays we will do our book change, so please make sure you send in your child's green book bag so we can send home a new story.

Please send your child in with a named water bottle.

**Curriculum Sharing is on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 9am in the school hall.**

### Home Learning

Please can you read the story book with your child and encourage your child to read their reading book to you. You can practice letter formation and developing phonemic awareness by completing the homework sheets sent home.