



Reception News



Friday 13th March

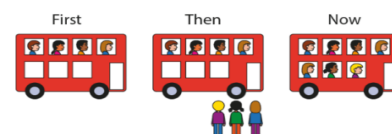
We loved going out to the pond to do some dipping this week; there are so many frogs and mountains of frogspawn! We are hoping to go back next week and see tadpoles beginning to hatch. We will be going back to see which changes we can spot over the rest of the school year.



We also went on a Spring walk around the grounds to find clues that Spring is finally here! We found buds, blossom, daffodils and even a nest! Can you spot any signs of Spring as you are out and about this weekend?

Maths

This week, we have been using the words **first**, **then** and **now** to tell Maths stories and work out how many objects we have altogether. We used our tens frame as a bus, and added passengers, saying “**First**, two passengers got on, **then** four more got on. How many are on the bus **now**?” Try using these words to tell Maths stories at home.



Sign of the Week

Next week our sign will be Eid

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvcygz27nDY>



Phonics

Many children are now very secure in their sounding out and blending. If your child is confident, try to encourage them to “Fred in their head” and then say the whole word aloud. This will support the children with developing their fluency.

Encouraging independence: Now the children are well-established in Reception, it is a great time to push on with their independence and build resilience. To support this, you could try to:

- Encourage your child to walk up from the bottom gate on their own.
- Ensure they are getting dressed by themselves each morning.
- Assign small chores at home to develop a sense of responsibility.



Next Friday 20th March is our school celebration of Eid. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes.

We will also be supporting Comic Relief on this day, with children allowed to wear a red nose on this day and donate £1 to the charity via Parent Pay.

Year 6 are having a cake sale on Monday 23rd March. If your child would like to choose some cakes, please send in £1 that morning.

Number Club

This week's skill: Accurate counting, 1 to 1 correspondence and cardinality (the cardinal value of a number refers to the quantity of things it represents; the children should know the last number counted gives the total so far).

Play: Give each player an empty bowl and 10 pieces of dried pasta. Take it in turns to throw your pasta into your bowl. At the end, count how many pasta pieces are in each bowl, and then how many there are altogether. Who had more? Who had fewer? What is the total?



Online game—give the teddies the right amount of cupcakes

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

Watch Numberblocks episode How to Count (series 1)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08cr24d/numberblocks-series-1-how-to-count>