

16th September 2022

Reception News

Assistant Headteacher Update



We are so incredibly proud of all the Reception children in their first two weeks of school. The children have settled well into school and it is lovely to see friendships forming. Last week, we spent lots of time learning our school rules and values and applying them to our school day. It has been a pleasure to see the children embrace these values and follow them in all areas of the school. The children enjoyed exploring our school environment and seeing all the exciting places in school. Each class visited 'Wonderland', where they listened to a story, and 'Jungle Jim', where they explored our sensory equipment.

This week has marked the beginning of full timetable for our Reception children. They have been beginning their day with a phonics lesson where we have been focusing on the sounds /a/, /s/ and /t/. The children have been reading and writing these sounds, as well as spotted objects that start with these sounds. Phonics is an integral part of Reception's learning in order to teach them how to read and write. Each week we will post the sounds we have been learning to Tapestry in order for you to support the children at home. Our theme this half term is 'Myself, My Family and My Community.' This week the children have been exploring what they look like and what they enjoy doing. The children understand that we are all different and it is important to value these differences. There have been many activities set up on our continuous provision including making their faces, role play and cutting and sticking faces. In maths, we have been exploring the concept of size; looking at big and small things and comparing objects. We have been sorting objects based on colour and shape which has been continued in our continuous provision. The children have enjoyed their first experience of our specialist subjects which include PE, Music, Performing Arts, Art and Forest School. Please remember to send your children into school in their PE kits on their correct PE day.

What a busy first two weeks it has been for Reception! We are excited to see the progress and achievements of the children over the course of the term.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Murdoch

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What do our Reception children have to say?

"Me and my friends have been playing hairdressers"
Logan, London

"What a busy first couple of weeks. All the children are settling in amazingly and having a great time."
Cardiff Class

"I like cottage pie it was yummy."
Willow, Edinburgh

REMINDER

Please make sure you send your children to school with a healthy lunch and snacks.



Key Dates



Census Day Special Lunch - 6th October 2022

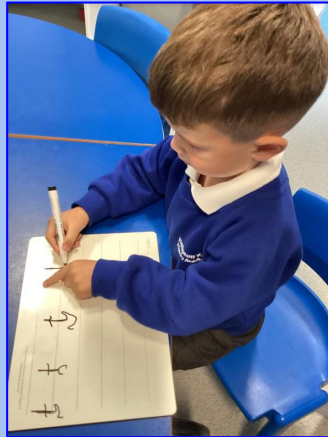
Individual/Sibling Photographs - 20th October 2022

Half term - 24th Oct - 28th Oct 22

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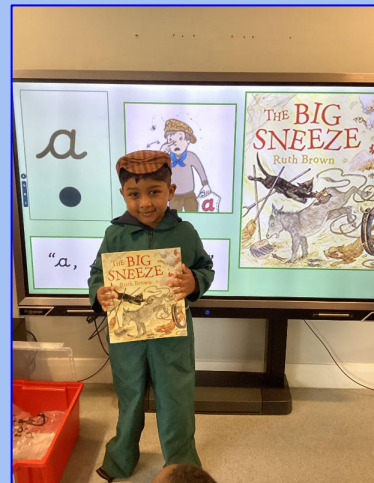
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HVPA Safeguarding



Do you have a concern about a child?

Hampton Vale Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, governors and volunteers to share this commitment.

At Hampton Vale there is nothing more important to us than the physical health, emotional health and well-being of our pupils and staff alike.

If you have any concerns about a child, you can contact or speak to your child's class teacher/teaching assistant before or after school, speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team or our Safeguarding Lead. All our staff will always listen to concerns about the safety and wellbeing of a child. You can also email safeguarding@hvp.org.uk.

A safeguarding concern is anything that makes you feel worried or uncomfortable about a child or concerned that a child may be at risk of harm or at risk of harming another. This includes your perception of the risk of **radicalisation, sexual exploitation and any other form of child abuse (emotional, physical, neglect or sexual)**. It also includes **self-harm or the use of drugs/alcohol**.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Child Protection Policy. This can be found in the Safeguarding section of our website.

The Academy has a safeguarding team led by the Deputy Safeguarding Lead, **Mrs Wright** and Designated Safeguarding and Prevent Lead, **Miss Thomas**.

The other safeguarding leads are:

Mrs Herring - Mental Health Lead

Miss Clark - Attendance & Admissions

Mr Collins - Goslings Manager

Mrs Bull - Nursery Manager

Mrs Finch - Safeguarding Governor

Your safeguarding team...



Miss Clarke

Mrs Wright

Mrs Herring

Mrs Bull

Mr Collins

Miss Thomas

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Online Safety: Parental Controls

These controls are designed to help you manage your child's online activities. Parental controls can set online time restrictions for your child and create content filters to manage the content they see. Parental controls can be used across your broadband, Wi-Fi, apps, games consoles and personal devices including mobile phones and tablets. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought.

You can find instructions on how to set controls on the manufacturer's website or to find specific guidance for your device, network or platform use this [online tool from Internet Matters](#).

Control settings will apply whether the device is being used in your home or outside. It's also easy for controls to be switched off, so make sure your child understands why the settings are in place.

You can put parental controls on the following:

- Games consoles controls
- Broadband and network controls to prevent inappropriate material
- Online controls - Google and other search engines
- Social media and other websites - Youtube have privacy and security settings
- Paid controls - you can buy filter programmes

5 actions for setting parental controls:

1. Set up home broadband parental controls
2. Set controls on your search engine and encourage your child to use child friendly search engines and activate and lock the safe search setting on the platforms/browsers they use
3. Set privacy settings on apps and devices: activate the safety measures offered by different sites
4. Block pop-ups to reduce accidentally clicking on inappropriate material
5. Have open conversations with your child about online safety and reassure them they can talk to you or a trusted adult whenever they need to

For more information, check out:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls/>



Hampton Vale Primary Academy

*'Education is the key to unlocking the world,
a passport to freedom.'*

Are you looking for a reception school place for your child?



We offer...

- A highly successful and knowledgeable early years team that put the wellbeing of all children at the centre of their practice.
- An immersive curriculum that promotes excellence within all areas of learning.
- Specialist teaching teams for PE, Art, Performing Arts and Forest School lessons.
- A well resourced and beautiful learning environment that includes recently renovated classrooms and an outdoor role play garden to provide outstanding outdoor learning opportunities.



We also have limited spaces within our highly popular nursery setting. Our friendly and dedicated nursery team provides the highest levels of childcare in a beautiful, immersive and engaging early years setting for the autumn term.

We offer term time childcare between the ages of 2-4 and we also accept 15 and 30 hour government funding.

Please contact our school office to arrange a tour of our school
or visit our website to find out further information.

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