

# Reception News

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Week ending 24th September 2021

Hello everyone!



This week we have continued to explore how we use our 5 senses to find out about the world around us. The children have been focusing on their sense of hearing and their sense of smell. They have made themselves a pair of Elephant Listening ears and put them on to wear around school to see what weird and wonderful sounds they can hear. These special ears will be sent home so let us know if they help improve listening skills at home! Perhaps you could go on your own listening walk this weekend? What noises do you hear in your house, at the supermarket or around town? Each class used their clever noses to identify different aromas and made some performed flowers. The air has been particularly pungent in Reception, that's for sure!

In phonics, the children have been learning the letter sounds **s**, **a**, and **t** as well as word building and how to form the letters correctly. In maths, the children have focused on number 2. They have learnt to write the numeral, made 2:2 patterns as well as identifying 1 more or 1 less than a given number or amount.

Our shape focus has been circles, spheres and cylinders. See how many of these shapes you and your child can spot this weekend!



Please take a look at Bug Club, an Interactive Reading Programme paid for by school, which is a great way to engage children in learning to read.

You will find information about this in your child's bag, including a password for you to access a whole range of books on your home computers or tablets.

We expect that you read with your child every day and we highly recommend using Bug Club alongside any books you have at home. We will also be sending school reading books from next week.

For more advice on how to help your child with early reading skills, please go to our website and look in **Reception/Supporting your child**. There are some Jolly Phonics sound mats which you can look at or print off to revise the sounds we are learning each week. There is also a Reception Blog you may enjoy reading.

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## Harvest Festival



**Next Thursday**  
**30th September**

This will be held in school this year with the children marking the occasion with a special assembly within their Year Group. Please send in a small contribution of food to go to Local Charities who support people in need in our community.