



**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**This week in Reception**

This week we will be continuing our learning about bears.

**Phonics** Phonic focus for this week

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**English and Topic**

We will be writing simple sentences to describe our teddy bears. We will also be drawing careful pictures of our bears.



**Maths**

This week we will practise doubling a number. We will use objects and then write doubling number sentences.

**What can you do at home?**

1. Please practise reading and writing the high frequency words.
2. Practise reading and writing phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs
3. Please listen to/read with your child and make comments in the reading record. Please keep this in their book bags each day as we regularly check these and update them.
4. Practise adding and taking away using objects or a number line up to 10/20 or beyond.
5. Practise finding the pairs that make 5 and then 10 (number bonds)
6. Practise doubling numbers up to double 10 using objects.
7. Practise sentence writing. Find a picture of anything that interests your child in a magazine or on the internet and ask your child to write about it. Try to do this 2 or 3 times a week.



**Action points**

★Show and tell - The theme is our favourite meal/ foods. Your child could draw a picture, take a photo, make a collage on a paper plate, bring in some cooking etc. You could challenge your child to write a caption or sentence to go with their show and tell. Group 1 is on 24<sup>th</sup> April. Group 2 will be on 1<sup>st</sup> May, and group 3 will be 8<sup>th</sup> May.

★**BEARS-** Please bring in a teddy bear on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. The bear shouldn't be too large or too precious as we will be keeping them in school for at least a week, to draw them, measure them and write about them.

★**Sewing-** The children will be sewing a bear face onto a piece of hessian. If you are able to help with either cutting out the faces, this can be done at home, or helping with the sewing in class, if you are DBS checked, please let us know.

★Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

★PE will continue to be on a Wednesday **EXCEPT** on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** instead of the Wednesday due to a one-off tennis lesson.

★**Morning arrangements-** We would like to encourage all the children to start coming in by themselves from Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. If you walk through the main gate with your child you can say goodbye there and then them watch them walk independently to the classroom. A member of staff will be near the gate to help any children who are feeling unsure about this and another member of staff will be at the classroom door to greet them. If your child is upset or you have an urgent message you can, of course, bring them to the door.

★A big thank you for the wish list donations. They are all really appreciated.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to come and chat to one of us.

*Reception Team.*