



# Reception Round Up - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Welcome to Emscote Infant School!

Thank you so much for making us feel welcome during our home visits last week. It was lovely to meet you all again before the children started school on Monday!

We know we have given out lots of information about the next few weeks so we've put all the main reminders at the bottom of this letter too for you.

Well done to all Reception children on completing their first week at school! They have been amazing and we are SO proud of them! The children have listened carefully to the routines and instructions and we have really enjoyed showing them around and getting to know them.

What super stars!



Next week in Reception,

### Maths:

Next week in Maths, the children will be learning how to count carefully using 1:1 correspondence. They will be learning about the 5 fingers on each of their hands, using counters to make 5, using a dice frame to show 5.



### Phonics:

Next week in Phonics, the children will be focusing on developing their speaking and listening skills as well as thinking about environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, making body percussion (e.g. clapping and stamping), rhythm and rhyme and the sounds we can make with our voices.

By securing these skills, children are more likely to be able to hear the individual sounds in words, which means they find it much easier to spell and blend sounds when reading and writing.

### Literacy, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts:

Next week our theme is 'Elmer' the patchwork elephant.

We will be learning about colour, being unique, story sequencing and making a fabulous Elmer of our own!

PSED, Music, SMSC, Wonderful Wellies, Dough Discos, Library, P.E. and Singing sessions all begin too!

### How You Can Help At Home...

Share a book and read with your child every night.

Talk with your child about their day at school.



Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week!  
Miss Stanley, Mrs Vallins, Mrs Gray and the Reception Team.

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## Other Information and Notices:

### Timings for next week:

Most children are in school full-time next week, however you can pick your child up at 1.15pm if you would like to. Please let us know if you are doing this when you drop your child off in the morning. In the mornings, the gate opens at 8:35am and closes at 8:40am. Please say goodbye to your child at the top gate, where Mrs Nicol stands. Staff will be on the playground to greet the children as they walk down. At home time, the gate opens at 3pm and you can come onto to playground to collect your child.

### Water bottles:

Children must have a **named** water bottle in school every day.

### P.E.:

Cherry Class will have P.E. on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.

Willow Class will have P.E. on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

P.E. will start week next week.

The children are allowed to wear any colour trainers and must wear their school jumper or cardigan.

### Bookbags:

Letters and any crafts will be put in your child's bookbags so please check these **each night**. If you have any **letters or slips** to return to school/get to us then please do not put these in the bookbag, please give them directly to Mrs Nicol on the gate in the mornings.

### Seesaw:

Don't forget to login into 'Seesaw' so you can see **some** of the things that the children are getting up to at school.

### Spare clothes and wellies:

All children need to bring a pair of Wellies and a named bag with spare clothes in to leave in school.

### Toast:

You will be receiving information soon about paying for toast/fruit via our payment system. This will ensure your child has a mid-morning snack of toast or fruit. All children will also be offered free school fruit during the afternoon too. If you have any problems using the payment system, please telephone or email the office on 01926 491433 or [admin2332@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2332@welearn365.com)

### Milk:

Please register for 'Cool Milk' if your child would like milk. From their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday you will have to pay for them to have milk.

### Birthdays:

We have a special Birthday tradition at Emscote! The children are allowed to wear their own clothes to school on their birthday. It means that everyone can wish them a Happy Birthday! If your child's birthday is at the weekend or during a holiday then they can wear their own clothes on the nearest Monday/Friday.

### Reading:

In a few weeks, we will be sending wordless (purple band) reading books home, which we would like you enjoy reading with your child. Towards the end of this Autumn half term, we will be sending home a worded book (pink book band), which your child will be able to read with you. Please make sure these packets are in your child's bookbag each day, ready to read with us at any time.