



## Reception Newsletter June 2024



### Welcome to Old Clee!

Welcome back from your half term break! This term our topic is 'Minibeasts'. Our focused author for the half term will be Eric Carle.

### School Website

As a year group, we are constantly updating our web page with the learning taking place in Reception. For up to date information, including pictures and videos of the children learning, make sure you visit the class pages on the academy website regularly. Find us at [www.oldcleeprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.oldcleeprimaryacademy.co.uk) then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and 'Reception'.



### Social Media Reminder

We are now using our school media accounts frequently, so please follow us on Facebook ([@Old Clee Primary Academy](https://www.facebook.com/OldCleePrimaryAcademy)) and Twitter ([@OldCleePA](https://twitter.com/OldCleePA)), to see what the children have been up to!

### Literacy

In our Talk for Writing, we will be reading and acting out the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We will be retelling the story and creating our own version of the story too. We will be learning about and writing about the lifecycle of a butterfly. As part of our minibeast topic, we will be learning about lots of different minibeasts and going on a bug hunt! We will be learning interesting facts about minibeasts and writing our own bug fact files.

### Maths

This term, our focus is on making connections between all the aspects of maths that have been covered through the year. We are going to be reviewing doubles and number bonds to 10. We will be also be practising our addition and subtraction skills. We are going to explore repeating patterns and create our own pattern rules.



### Homework

#### **Reading books**

Your child will bring home a book or activity linked to their phonics group. Please practise careful sounding out and blending of words with your child when reading. Each time a child starts a new Read Write Inc book in school, they will bring home the corresponding Book Bag Book. Please ensure children bring their reading book to school each day. Children will also bring home a sharing book every Thursday for you to read and enjoy together.



Please allow your child to read to you at least three times a week and record this in their reading diary. Please ask the children who, what, why questions about what is happening in the story as well as questions about what might happen next.

#### **Homework books**

Homework books will be sent out every Friday – please return by the following Thursday. These tasks will be shared in class.

### How you can help at home

Please continue to encourage your child to **practise writing their full name** paying attention to careful letter formation. Please also practise sounding out and writing words and simple sentences with your child.

Please remember to practise writing numerals with your child too. When you are out and about, counting things you see and looking for numbers as well as shapes around you will also support your child with their mathematical development.

### Home school communication

Each child is given a yellow home/school book. These are used for any messages you would like to share with your class teacher and end of day pick-up arrangements. Please bring these to school daily.

### LABELLING ALL UNIFORM

Please ensure that ALL of your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with their full name. This will help to prevent loss of belongings

### Water bottles

Please send your child to school with a named **drinks bottle** with fresh water each day – this will be for the sole use of your child to keep them hydrated throughout the day.



### HOME PROJECT

If you would like an extra challenge with your child, you can create a **model of a minibeast** at home.

Please bring them into school this half term to share and display in our classroom.

Here are some examples but you can use any resources that you have at home!



### Dates for your Diary

<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	PE – please ensure children come to school in their PE kit
<b>Every Friday:</b>	Homework books to be given out and returned the following <b>Thursday</b>
<b>This Half Term:</b>	Minibeast homework project
<b>Reception Sports Day:</b>	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2pm
<b>Parent celebration:</b>	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm

All of the Reception staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year. It has been a pleasure helping your children to learn and develop. We will soon be planning their journey into Year 1!

Kindest Regards,  
**The Reception Teaching Team**