



Reception Newsletter April 2025



Welcome to Old Clee!

Welcome back from your Easter break. This term our topic is Plants and Growing and our Talk for writing story is Jack and the Beanstalk. Our focused author for the half term will be Jill Murphy who has written famous books such as 'Whatever Next' and 'Five Minutes Peace'.

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 then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and 'Reception'.



Social Media Reminder

We are using our school media account frequently, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy) to see what the children have been up to!

Literacy

As part of our Plants topic, we will be going on a plant hunt and learning the names of different plants and flowers. We will be planting seeds and thinking about what a plant needs to grow. We will be writing instructions on how to plant a seed. In our Talk for Writing, we will be reading and acting out the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be retelling the story and creating our own version of the story too.

Maths

In Maths, we will be counting larger sets and things that cannot be seen. We will also be subitising to 6 and looking at the composition of numbers up to 10. The children will also be exploring comparison of numbers – linked to ordinality.



Homework

Reading books

Children will bring home a reading book/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.



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**. These will include an activity for you to complete with the children at home. Please return these books by the following **Thursday** so that we can share the tasks in class.

HOME
LEARNING

How you can help at home

To help your child at home you can share stories together each night. We are always keen to work in partnership with parents and the more you can support your child with their homework, the more prepared they will be in their learning journey. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you wish for further help and support with home learning – we can always offer ideas and advice to make learning fun at home!

Please continue to encourage your child to **practise writing their full name** at home. If you can help your child to hold a pencil correctly when writing, this will help with letter formation. You could also practise 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.

PE

PE will be on the following days:

Mrs Hall's class – FRIDAY

Mrs Crouch's class – FRIDAY

Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit. They will then stay in their PE kit all day. Please note – to help your child with independence, velcro will allow them to fasten their trainers independently.

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

We recommend that all children bring a clearly labelled water bottle in to school daily. This must contain fresh water only. For hygiene reasons, they must be taken home, washed and refilled daily. They can be refilled during the school day but anything other than water will not be allowed to be consumed unless you can provide written medical evidence from your GP. On receiving this, you will then need to fill in a Medical Health Care plan. If your child has a packed lunch, a second drink should be included. However, no fizzy drinks are allowed to be brought into school. Children having school lunches will be provided with water.



HOME PROJECT

If you would like an extra challenge with your child, you can create a **model of a plant** 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

PE Mrs Hall's class – FRIDAY

PE Mrs Crouch's class – FRIDAY

Every Friday: Homework books to be given out and returned the following **Thursday**.

This Half Term: 3D plant homework project.

All the Reception staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the school year to support your child's learning and development.

Kindest Regards,

The Reception Teaching Team