

# Peek at the Week



## Ready, Respectful and Safe

The children are continuing to settle well as they take on the challenge of whole days at school. We have witnessed lots of collaboration and new friendships being made. The children are talking to each other and organising their 'Play and Learn' activities between themselves. We have been talking about our school rules or Ready, Respectful and Safe - thinking about how we respond to each other and how we use school resources, so that we have happy, productive and industrious classrooms, treating everyone and everything with respect.

We will leave the QR code for anyone who has not yet completed the online application forms. Please complete these as soon as possible. The QR code is on the image below. If you completed this before your child started Reception, then you do not need to do it again.

While the online forms are being sorted out, we do not have current information about who would like their child's photo to appear on Peek at the Week. You will see that all the photos we have put on this week, show the back of the children's heads. If you would be happy for your child to appear on our Peek at the Week photos, please email your class teacher (emails are at the end of Peek) and let them know.



**Welcome to Reception 2025**

Your 'Welcome to Reception' Information Pack can be found on our school website under 'Joining Us' or by following the QR Code below.




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## Family Photos

Please do email your class teacher a family photo. We will be using these in the next couple of weeks. The children will decorate frames and they will be displayed on our wall. The children love to share stories with each other about their families.

## School Dinner Menu

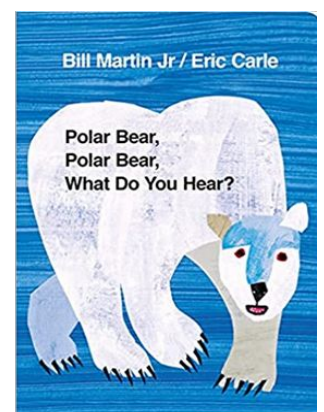
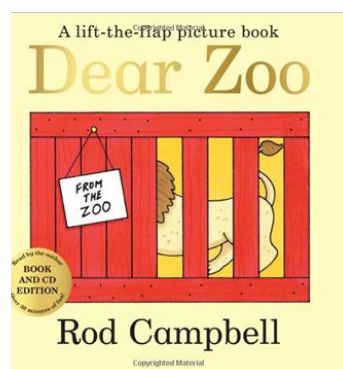
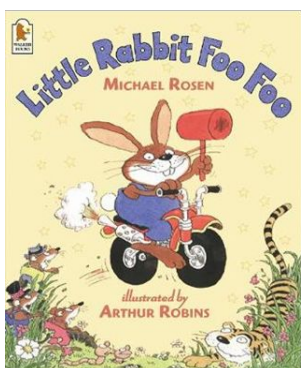
The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114>

## 3-a-day Stories

Every half term we focus on three stories which the children learn to recite with us at key points. The stories introduce various story elements such as, repetition and rhyme as well as helping them to learn to tell a story in the correct order.

This half term we are reading : Little Rabbit Foo Foo by Michael Rosen, Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell and Polar Bear, Polar Bear What can you hear?, by Bill Martin Jr



## Clothing

**Name Labels:** Please remember to name **EVERYTHING** your child brings or wears to school including coats, shoes and water bottles.

**Wellies:** As the children will be playing outside in **ALL** weathers, please could you send in a pair of **named Wellies** (if you have not done so already), which we will keep outside the classrooms for the children to change into for Forest School and puddle jumping!

**Spare Clothes:** Please could you send in a **NAMED** set of spare clothes in a separate bag, preferably in a drawstring bag or a bag that closes. Please also include **socks!** The clothes do not have to be school uniform but please keep the clothes plain – without logos or characters.

## Forest School

The children will have Forest School sessions on a Thursday morning with Riad. The classes will go every other week. We are looking for parents who would be available to support us with these sessions either weekly or on a rota basis. If you think you can help please contact your class teacher (see email addresses below).

### Forest School timetable:

#### **September**

18th - Silver

25 - Bronze

#### **October**

2nd - Silver

9th - Bronze

16th - Silver

23th - Bronze

## Important Dates

**Jeans for Genes Day** - Friday 19th September. Children can wear jeans to school with their uniform on their top half.

<https://www.jeansforgenes.org/who-we-are>

**Welcome to Reception Coffee Meeting** - Thursday 25th September 8:30am -9:30am. The meeting will take place in Copper Class (next door to Bronze). Coffee and tea will be provided. This will be an opportunity to meet the Reception team and find out important information for the year ahead that will help you and your child get the most out of their Reception year.

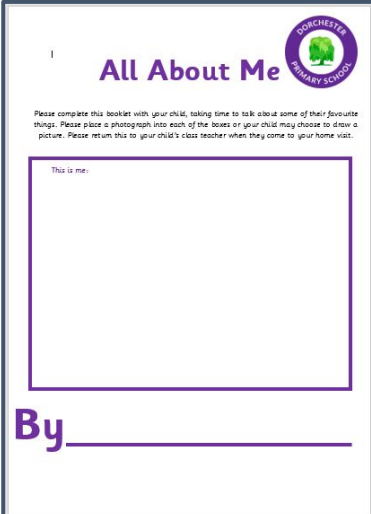
**INSET Day** - Friday 24th October

**Half term holiday** - Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

**First Day Autumn 2** - Monday 3 November

## All About me

If you still have your child's All About Me booklet at home, please send it in next week. We would like to use the information in them in discussions with the children.



The image shows the cover of an 'All About Me' booklet. At the top right is a circular logo for 'DORCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL' with a tree icon. The title 'All About Me' is written in a purple font. Below the title is a small instruction: 'Please complete this booklet with your child, taking time to talk about some of their favourite things. Please place a photograph into each of the boxes or your child may choose to draw a picture. Please return this to your child's class teacher when they come to your home visit.' A large rectangular box with a purple border contains the text 'This is me.' Below this box is a line for the name, starting with 'By' in a purple font.

## Do you have...

This might become a regular feature in Peek at the Week as we try to use real resources in both the classrooms and our outside areas, and we often look to use things that you may have lying around and do not use any more.

This week we are after bags of compost / soil that you may have had sitting in your garden and always meant to use but never got round to it. We have lovely growing troughs in our outside area but they need a refresh. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated.

Also, if you have any gardening tools, trowels, small forks etc. Obviously they need to be in good working order but can be well used. Any flower pots too?

We are always really grateful for any donations we receive and they will help enhance the experience for the children.



## Contact emails

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

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