

Peek at the Week

Why is your family special?
How do they help you?



This week we have been reading *Our Class is a Family* by Shannon Olsen. The book shows us that a family isn't limited to relatives—it can also be found in a special group of people who care for and accept you, such as your teachers and classmates.

During carpet time, we have been sharing our family photos and talking about who is in our family and what makes them special. We have also been decorating photo frames using different materials and tools to display in our Home Corner.

As we are still waiting on some family photos, we will continue to decorate the frames next week. If you haven't already, can you please send us your photos via email?

Thank you!



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:

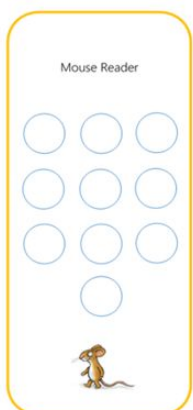
October	16th - Silver
9th - Bronze	23th - Bronze



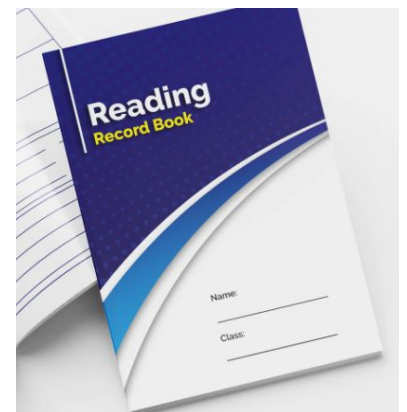
Reading Records

The children now have their reading records. Please bring them in everyday and leave them in their book bags.

The children can get 2 stickers on their bookmark every week during term time. 1 for reading every day and 1 for having their Reading folder in school.



In order to fit in with the school sticker numbers, we will give the children extra stickers to cover the first 4 weeks. After that it will be two stickers each week if they have done at least 5 reads in the week.



We will collect the reading records in on Wednesdays.

Reception Parent/Carer Events 2025-26



September

Welcome to Reception
Thursday 4th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class
Bronze Class

October

Early Birds: Fine Motor
Activities
Tuesday 21st
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms.

November

Phonics Workshop
Thursday 6th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

December

EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 16th
9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 17th
2:15-3:15pm
Main Hall

January

Maths Workshop
Thursday 22nd
January
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

February

Live Maths Meeting
Thursday 12th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms.

March

Early Birds: Maths
Wednesday 18th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

April

Live Phonics
Wednesday 22nd
8:45-9:30am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

May

Family Reading
Celebration
Friday 8th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

June

Bronze Class
Assembly
Friday 19th
9:00-9:30am
Main Hall

July

Silver Class Assembly
Friday 3rd
9:00-9:30am
Main Hall

Early Bird: Summer Holiday
Activities
Friday 10th
8:30-9:15am

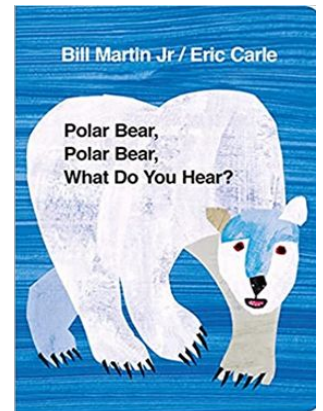
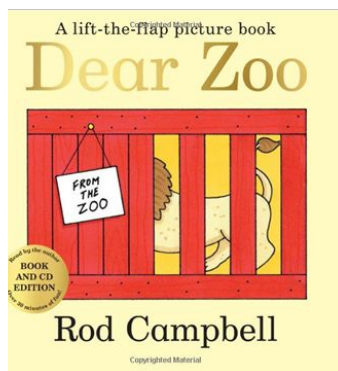
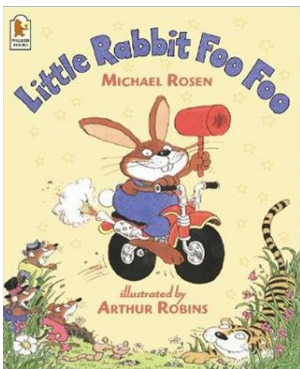
August

SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

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



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>

Important Dates

Parents' Evenings - Monday 6th October 2025- 3:30-5:00 pm

Wednesday 7th October 2025- 3:30-5:00 pm

Thursday 8th October 2025- 5:30-7:00 pm

Please book if you haven't already.

Early Birds - Fine Motor Activities - Tuesday 21st October

INSET Day - Friday 24th October - 8:30-9:15 am in Bronze and Silver classrooms

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

First Day Autumn 2 - Monday 3rd November

Phonics Workshop - Thursday 6th November - 8:30-9:15 am in Copper Class

Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day - Friday 14th November

Contact emails

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

Mrs Annabel Glover-EYFS lead/Nursery aglover13@suttonmail.org

Miss Munaza Ahmad - Silver Class mahmad68@suttonmail.org

Mrs Tammy Rich- Bronze Class trich18@suttonmail.org

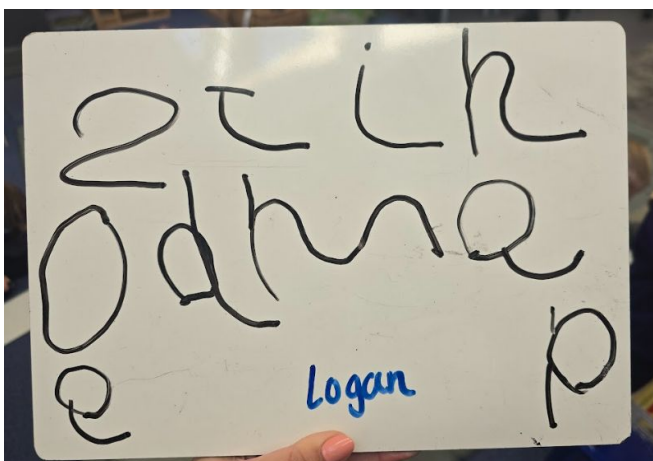
Please share these photos with your child as a prompt to talk about this week's activities.



The children wanted to create their very own letterbox for the fairy so they could post their magical letters.

What did we use to make the letterbox?

Can you write a letter to the fairy using the sounds you know?



The children have been practising very hard at writing the sounds they have learnt.

Can you write the sounds you have learnt in phonics?

Can you write your name?

What sounds can you hear in your name?



In Forest School, the children have been building their very own shelters and tested to see if the shelter was secure by pouring water over it. They had to keep their cotton ball dry.

How did you build your shelter? What did you use?

Did your cotton ball stay dry or wet? Why?



Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle

The children have been enjoying their 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle' carpet sessions. This program helps children develop the motor skills needed for handwriting. First, they use scarves called 'flipper flappers' to carry out the energetic moves, and then they translate these onto a large piece of paper using pens.

Can you show your grown ups your squiggle moves ?

Squiggle moves:

Up and Down

Side to side

Wiggle

Circles

