

Peek at the Week

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

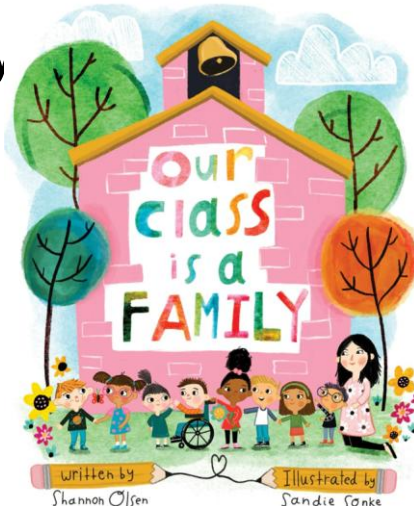


This week we have been reading *Our Class is a Family* by Shannon Olsen. The book shows us that a family isn't limited to relatives—it can also be found in a special group of people who care for and accept you, such as your teachers and classmates.

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 on our wall.

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

Thank you!





Wellies



As the children will be playing outside in **ALL** weathers AND, we have a fabulous water pump and guttering for the children to explore playing with water, 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!



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

1 - Bronze

8 - Silver

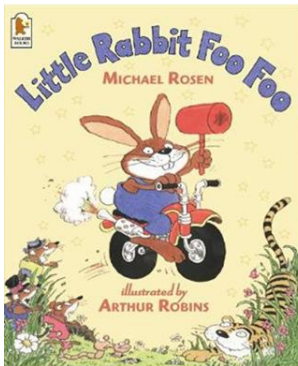
15 - Bronze

22 - Silver

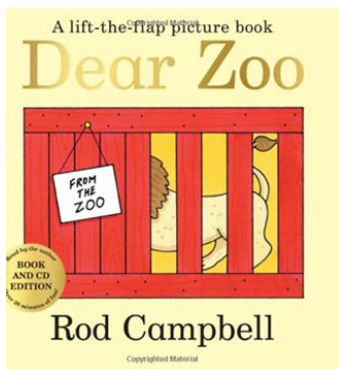
3-a-day Stories

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.

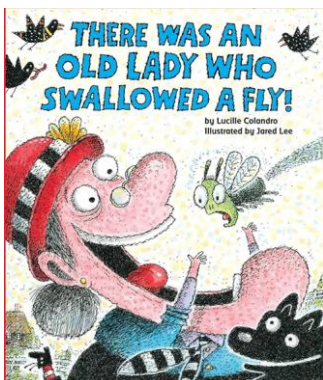
This half term we are reading :



Little Rabbit Foo Foo by Michael Rosen,
A mischievous rabbit ignores the Good Fairy's warnings to stop using his hammer to bop characters on the head...



Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
A child writes to the zoo to ask for a pet, but what arrives...



There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly!
By Lucille Colandro
An old lady swallows a fly and then tries to swallow a series of other animals to catch it...



Important Dates



Welcome to Reception Coffee Morning - Wednesday 30th September 8:30am -9:30am. We will meet in Copper Class (next door to Bronze).

All Parents and Carers are invited to come to our Welcome to Reception Coffee Morning. It is much more than a drink and chat. This will be an opportunity to find out important information for the year ahead that will help you and your child get the most out of their Reception year. Annabel (EYFS Year Lead) will outline the expectations for the year, and explain how the school works with parents, to get the best outcomes for your children. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions .

Harvest Assembly- Thursday 1st October 2026(Main Hall 8:55am-9:25am)

INSET Day - Friday 23rd October

Half term holiday - Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026

First Day Autumn 2 - Monday 2nd November 2026



Harvest Assembly



Parents and carers are invited to our Harvest Assembly, where Reception children will perform the song 'Big Red Combine Harvester'.

Reception Parent/Carer Events 2026-27



September

Welcome to Reception
Wednesday 30th
8:30-9:30am
Copper Class (next to
Bronze Class)

October

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

November

Early Birds: Fine Motor
Activities
Tuesday 10th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms.

December

Maths Workshop
Thursday 3rd
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

January

Live Phonics
Wednesday 20th
8:45-9:30am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

February

Writing Workshop
Thursday 11th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

March

Early Birds: Maths
Wednesday 17th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

April

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

May

Proud Moments and
Wow Books
Wednesday 5th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

June

Family Reading
Celebration
Thursday 17th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

July

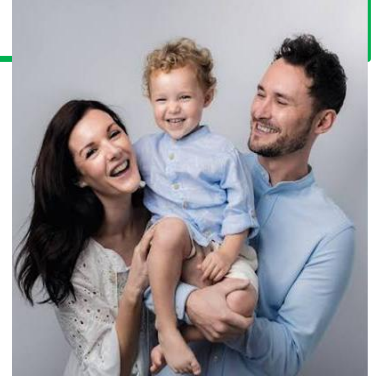
Early Birds Summer
Holiday Activities
Tuesday 13th
8:30-9:15am

August

SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

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>

Contact emails

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

Miss Munaza Ahmad - Silver Class mahmad68@suttonmail.org

Mrs Tammy Rich- Bronze Class trich18@suttonmail.org

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

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

Arches

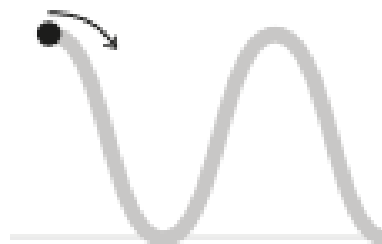
Pages 2 to 5:
Horizontal and
vertical lines



Pages 10 to 11: Up
curves



Pages 6 to 7:
Wavy lines



Pages 12 to 13:
Down curves



Pages 8 to 9:
Circles



Pages 14 to 15:
Mixed height
curves

