

Weekly Opal/Pearl update – 19.09.25



Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

Here is your weekly Reception Newsletter ☺

What have we been up to?

In Enquiry lessons we have asked the questions, 'what do I look like?' and 'Who is in my family?'. We have all sketched beautiful self-portraits and family portraits in our artist book. Hopefully, you saw the post on our Barrs Court Primary School Facebook page earlier in the week. Next week we will become historians; thinking about what we were like as babies and toddlers.

We have been lots of rhyme time this week; singing well known nursery rhymes with actions and counting songs to get our fingers moving.

Next week...

Daily phonics

Next week we will begin teaching daily phonics lessons. Each week the children will learn 4 new graphemes. We will send these new graphemes home in a sound pack so you can practise them at home. I will always let you know what graphemes have been taught in the weekly newsletter.

I will be talking through how phonics is taught and can answer any questions you have on **Friday morning at 9am** in the hall. I will talk about the Little Wandle reading books that will be coming home very soon. This will be the first of two curriculum meetings. Handouts will be sent home on Friday afternoon but please come if you can! ☺ Should you wish to have a sneaky peak at what Little Wandle phonics looks like, head to the parent section of the website where you will find lots of videos and information. <https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Daily maths

Daily maths lessons will also begin on Monday. I will explain more about how we teach maths in the **second curriculum meeting on 3rd October at 9am**.

Mornings

Thank you so much for your support this week. We really appreciate you waiting until the end of the day to speak to us. The children are brilliant at putting their things away and being ready to start the school day.

PE

The children really enjoyed their first PE session yesterday and the PE coaches were so impressed with them! Thank you for making sure they were all in PE kit. They will have PE every Thursday throughout the year.

Putting on coats

Please can we ask for your help in encouraging the children to put their own coat on. At the moment there are lots of children needing significant adult help to do this which is causing a lot of 'traffic' in the cloakroom! Pulling sleeves in the right way would be a brilliant thing to practise. Don't worry about zips...just arms. We can work on zips later! Thank you in advance. ☺

The children have done incredibly well coming to school all day, every day this week. Thank you for your continued support in making sure they have a super time.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, *The Reception Team* ☺