Reception Curriculum Newsletter – Term 3 – January 2026

Dear Families of our Herne Bay Infants Reception Classes,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a joyful Christmas and are feeling rested and ready for the term ahead. Please ensure that you keep up to date with all the news and dates in the newsletter each week. Please make sure your child is bringing in a named water bottle every day.

One of the key texts we will be reading this term is '*The Three Billy Goats Gruff*'. We will be acting out the parts of the different characters and learning new vocabulary. The children will begin to write simple CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant: c-a-t) words and sequence parts of the story to help them to retell it.

Phonics will continue to be taught daily, and your child will bring home a blending book or ditty sheet to share with you when they are starting to blend simple CVC words. Please could you write in their reading record that this has been done, so that we can change the book.

In maths we will be continuing with number and looking at 'one more' and 'one less' with numbers up to 8. We will also be starting to develop our understanding of mass and capacity.

PE days have changed: **Seuss Class** is on Monday and Thursday, **Donaldson Class** is Monday and Tuesday and **Hendra Class** is Monday and Tuesday. Please can you make sure that your child has a named PE kit in school and encourage them to become independent in changing their clothes. Practising this at home, and turning it into a fun, competitive activity can really help them with this key life-skill.

This term we will begin to make 2-step algorithms (simple instructions for a computer or machine) using our Beebots. The children will learn how to programme them to move in different directions. Please look out for the pictures of all of our learning on Tapestry.

We will be having our Nursery Rhyme Challenge this term – an exciting opportunity to come a join in with your child in their class – more details to follow.

Thank you again for all of your support. Please do not hesitate to speak to us about any questions or concerns that you may have.

The Year R teachers

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