



## Kelvin Grove Primary School

### Reception Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

#### **'We love water'**

This half term, we are very excited to begin our new topic all about water. The children will be exploring the different aspects, uses, and types of water in a fun and engaging way. We will start by looking at how water is used at home, before broadening our learning to discover where water can be found around the world.

As the topic develops, we hope to inspire curiosity and thoughtful discussion. By the end of the half term, the children will be encouraged to share their ideas around the question: ***"What would happen if we did not have water for a day?"***

#### **Topic**

This week, we have been exploring different materials by thinking about what we could use to make our own bucket, just like Billy in our story. The children had great fun testing a variety of resources and discussing which materials would be most suitable, as well as explaining their choices.

We have also begun learning about the water cycle and shared the story *"A Little Raindrop"* to support the children's understanding. This has helped to introduce key ideas in a fun and engaging way, sparking lots of curiosity and discussion.

#### **Maths**

We have really enjoyed our maths learning this week, where we have been focusing on partitioning the number 10. The children explored different ways of making 10 by creating two groups using cubes, helping them to understand that the whole remains the same even when it is split into parts.

We also had lots of fun creating our own "10 stories," where the children used their imaginations to divide 10 objects into two groups in different ways. This has been a great way to build both their confidence and understanding in a creative and engaging way.

#### **English**

Our classroom has been full of deep-sea adventures thanks to our book **'Billy's Bucket'**! The children have been inspired to design their own buckets and, even more impressively, write all about the creatures living inside them. Their writing skills are coming along in leaps and bounds, and we are just so proud of how hard every single child is working.

#### **Reading**

Over the next half term, we will be focusing on developing the children's fluency and confidence when reading their phonics books. You may notice that your child brings home a book they have read before, or the same book two weeks in a row. This is intentional and helps to reinforce their learning, allowing them to practise and securely apply their phonic knowledge.

#### **Next week**

**We are reading 'Mr Gumpy's Outing, focusing on boats and floating and sinking.**



## Forest School

Summer clothing list for forest school:

- **Long sleeved T-shirt.** This means your child does not have to wear a hot waterproof coat.
  - **Waterproof trousers** as it is still muddy
  - **Wellies** as we have a lovely splashing muddy puddle area.



## Junk Orchestra workshop – Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> 2026

As part of our new topic 'We love water' we will be exploring the impact of plastic use on our planet's oceans and sea life.

As part of this topic, an exciting event has been arranged for the children. All children in reception will have the opportunity to work with the Junk Orchestra. We will be learning about the importance of recycling and looking after our local and global environment. The children will be able to play the instruments made using recycled materials.

The workshop will take place in the school hall so parent/carer **helpers are not** required for this event.

We would appreciate a donation of £6 per child. **More details to follow next week.**

We really appreciate your support and are sure the children will have a fantastic time.



## Warmer Weather

As the warmer weather approaches it is really important your child stays hydrated. Please bring in a named water bottle.  
Please only provide your child with water.

### Names on clothing

Please ensure your child's clothing has their name on it. At this time of year jumpers and cardigans come off, and it is very difficult to keep track of them, especially if they do not have names in them.

### Sun cream

Please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. They can bring a labelled bottle into school, which they can apply themselves, if possible.

