

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

### **Reception Autumn 1 2023 Curriculum Newsletter**

Welcome to Reception! We are delighted that all our children are settling in well. Thank you for preparing them so well for us. Below is a brief summary of the learning that will take place in Autumn 1 and some additional information, which we hope you would find useful. Once your children have completed their settling in week, **school starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.25pm** daily.

### **Adults working in Reception**

**Gwen John** – Natasha Crabbe, Ekaterina Shirokova, and Cathie Neal

**Gainsborough** – Alexandra Baker, Barbara Boli, and Sukhdeep Bains

Debbie Lamizidin (Tuesday – Friday) supports across both classes and Nursery at key points during the week.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We have daily circle times where we focus on friendships, showing respect to others and encourage children to share and take turns. We will support your children to share their 'All about me' posters with their class with a focus on identity and diversity.

Our behaviour policy encourages positive behaviour so that children become conversant with class expectations, boundaries and our school's values. The class can earn a marble for outstanding behaviour and learning, and will get a special class reward when 50 marbles have been earned! We also have our class Dojo as a reward system which I am sure the children will tell you about soon. Please visit the Campsbourne website for further information on our behaviour policy. In addition to that we support your children to express and manage their feelings and consider the feelings of others through using zones of regulation.

**Our Mantra in Reception is ...You choose it! You use it! You put it away!** We encourage children to respect and take responsibility for our environments and the toys and resources they explore in school.

### **Communication and Language Development**

We will model asking and answering questions, to support children's expressive language skills. Children are encouraged to talk and extend their language during circle times, role-play, drama and singing and indeed, anytime during the school day. We encourage the importance of listening carefully and why listening is important. We will also share a wide breath of stories, rhymes, poems and songs.

### **Physical Development**

We will undertake various activities to promote the use of our children's fine and gross motor skills such as; exploring playdough/pegs boards, threading, climbing, bike riding and a wide range of malleable play activities. P.E will take place on Friday afternoons. Children will be learning to dance and perform simple movements and actions to music. The focus of this unit will be to;

- Recognise repeated sounds and sound patterns and match movements to music
- To be aware of the space around them and move safely in the room
- Make shapes with their bodies.
- Travel on their feet in a variety of ways

Please note that your children do not require a separate attire for PE, however we would appreciate it if they could wear clothing they find comfortable to aid their movement. PE will take place on Friday afternoons.

### **Literacy**

The children will start **Talk for Writing** developed by Pie Corbett (<https://www.talk4writing.com/>), which is based on the principles of how children learn. We will be focusing on nursery rhymes and stories such as Oi! Frog to embed the concept of rhyme and alliteration. Our focus story will be -The Little Red Hen. We will use a range of props, oral retelling, pictures and actions to support your children to independently retell the rhyme or story.

### **Tales Toolkit**

Tales Toolkit is a fun way to learn about how to make our own stories! We will learn about the four key aspects of a story: character, setting, problem, solution. Using toys and materials, we will create our own stories as a class, and will encourage children to create their own stories using the same format.

## **Writing**

We will be using Letterjoin [www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk) for our handwriting practise in class.  
The details are as follows

<https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/log-in.html>

User name: vt0471

Password: home

If you have any queries please do not hesitate in contacting your class teacher.

## **Phonics**

Our sounds write program will commence as soon as all the children are settled in. We will provide you with further information closer to the time, however if you wish to find out more please visit

<https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/>

Your children will read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. We encourage you to support your children to recognise the letters in their own name and also write their names independently.

This half term we will be focusing on the sounds **a,i,m,s,t,n,p,o,b,c,g,h** and all the two and three letter words we can spell and read using these sounds, such as, is, it, to, mat, sat, top, bog, etc.

## **Maths**

We will be focusing on numbers within 6, using rhymes and songs to support children to count forwards and backwards. We will also be looking at numerical patterns within our environment. We will support children to understand number following three key concepts – concrete (counting objects), pictorial (pictures of objects) and abstract (recognising numerals and their value)

## **Understanding the World**

We will be learning about our school environment and people who help us in school (Mealtime supervisors, cook, etc.). We will also be focusing on the changes in season (summer to autumn). During Black history month – we will be exploring “Anansi” stories, which are folktales commonly, shared in some West African countries and the Caribbean islands. We will be using maps to explore the locations of the countries we will learn about.

Our forest school sessions will soon commence within school (Eco Hub) on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October. This is run by Sharon Hodson. We urgently need parent volunteers to assist us on Wednesday mornings (Gwen John) and Thursday mornings (Gainsborough). All children will go to forest school on their designated day. They will go in groups of 15 for an hour. Your support helps with the safe and smooth running of this provision.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be exploring paint by mixing and creating different colours, painting patterns and printing. We will also make collages using a variety of African print fabric and explore designing and weaving (Kente cloth).  
Our music session with Janeen will be on Friday each week.

## **Parent Workshop**

**Welcome to Campsbourne Coffee Morning**– 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023@ 9 am to 10am in the lunch hall.

**Introduction to Phonics and Early Reading** – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 @ 9am- 10am (Location TBC)

**Open Morning for Reception** 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023@ 9am in Gwen John and Gainsborough

If you have any queries please contact your class teacher on the email below.

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Kindest Regards

**Reception Team**