

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

Reception Autumn 2 2023 Curriculum Newsletter

We are delighted your children have settled beautifully into the routine of school after the half term. Below is a brief summary of the learning that will take place in Autumn 2 and some additional information, which we hope you would find useful.

Key dates

16th November 2023: Tapestry Workshop at 9:00am (for parents who need support to use this system)

24th November 2023: Early Maths Workshop at 9:00am

11th December 2023: Reception and Nursery Father Christmas Show at 9:00am

21st December 2023: End of term - school finishes at 1:45pm

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to ensure that all children are comfortable, happy and are settled into the routine of school. We will also revisit our zones of regulation, to ensure they fully understand the expectations and support in place. We will continue to focus on maintaining positive friendships, as well as embedding the class rules and expectations. We will cover the following topics: Identities and Diversity - What makes me unique; We are all different/ similar and we are all friends. Through children sharing their all about me posters and having class discussions, children gain an understanding of their uniqueness, their value in society, as well as their similarities and differences.

Communication and Language Development

We will encourage all children to talk about particular activities that interest, inspire or excite them through developing their questioning and answering skills. Children are also encouraged to talk and extend their language during circle times, show and tell and as they explore the indoor and outdoor activities.

Physical Development

In PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics. The children will be learning: to travel with control in a variety of ways; to show awareness of contrasts in speed and level; to show awareness of space and share space safely; To know, understand and show safe use of apparatus. At home, please encourage your child to practise dressing themselves and to eat with a knife and fork, as this supports their physical development.

Literacy

This half term in Talk for Writing, our focus story will be: The Enormous Turnip and creating some nonsense poems. We will be using story maps and actions to retell stories orally. We will also be discussing characters, settings and the structure of stories and encouraging the children to write or draw pictures to represent their own versions. We will practise the writing of simple words and captions for our pictures.

Writing

Your children are making excellent progress with their letter and number formation! Please continue to practise at home using Letterjoin www.letterjoin.co.uk 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.

If you see your child holding their pencil incorrectly, please remind them to hold it using the tripod grip, and place their fingers in the correct position. This supports their formation and fluidity in writing.



Phonics

Your child should now be familiar with the sounds **a,i,m,s,t,n,p,o** - please practise these sounds and reading simple CVC words using these letters. This half term we will be focusing on the sounds **b,c,g,h,d,e,f,v,k,l,r** and all the two, three and four letter words we can spell and read using these sounds, such as, **is, to, mat, sat, top, help**, etc. We will also be learning the following high-frequency words: **is, a, the, I, for, of, are, was**.

If you wish to find out more about our phonics programme, please visit: <https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/>

Soon, we will start to hand out 'I read' books for the children to read, as well as a reading journal, and the 'you read' books for you to read to your children. Please encourage your child to read the 'I read' books with as little support as possible, and write about how they got on in their reading journal. It would truly support your child if you could encourage them to practise reading their 'I read' book at least 4-5 times a week. As soon as you children can confidently blending sounds, they will be given 'I read' books. If your child is still developing their blending skills, they will be given words to practise at home.

Maths

We will be learning about addition and subtraction, focusing on the numbers from 0-6. We will also be exploring measure: comparing objects by size, capacity, shape, and weight. Please continue to practise counting objects and number writing at home.

Understanding the World

We will be thinking about the similarities and differences between now and the past, through exploring stories about people and objects from the past. We will also be focusing on the changes in season (Summer - Autumn - Winter). We will also be learning about upcoming religious and cultural holidays such as Hanukkah, Diwali, and Christmas. If you celebrate any of these and would be happy to talk to the class about it or share a story, please do get in touch with your class teacher - we'd love to have you!

Our forest school sessions are now in Alexandra Palace Park. This is run by Sharon Hodson. We continue to welcome parent volunteers to assist us on Wednesday mornings (Gwen John) and Thursday mornings (Gainsborough). Your support helps with the safe and smooth running of this provision. It is incredibly wet and muddy in the park - please remember to send in your children with their waterproofs and wellies! We would really appreciate it if the first group (15) for forest school are dressed in their forest school clothing before they arrive in school on their designated day.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to practice creating storylines during our play, as well as learning how to sing and dance as a group. We will also explore emotions and how to express emotions and feelings in various ways. On the 11th December at 9am, we will be having our Christmas Show! Please come along to support your child, and please practise the songs with them at home.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Your class teacher will be in touch with you to arrange your parent meeting this half-term. This will be a 10- 15 minute meeting to review their learning, and discuss the next steps. This meeting can take place at 8:30am, 2:50pm or 3.25pm, Monday to Thursday.

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

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Kindest Regards

Reception Team