

Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 2



Dear Parents / Carers:

Welcome back everyone to the second half of the spring term; we hope you have had a restful break. It is hard to believe we are half way through the academic year already! This half term, we will be working with the children to ensure that they are beginning to develop the skills they will need when they start the transition to Year 1.

This half term the children will be learning about Mother Nature, this includes learning about animals, habitats and plants. We hope the weather will improve and we will be able to start growing and planting outdoors. We will be looking at stories about insects and growing such as: Jack and the Beanstalk, Aaargghhh Spider and What the Ladybird Heard. The children will have the opportunity to explore different types of minibeasts and find out about their habitats.

Please provide your children with appropriate clothing for wet weather play. Children will have access to outdoor play in all weather (safety considered).

Home Learning:

Reading: The children will have the opportunity to take home a story book which they can change each day. Please continue to spend a few moments to share the story with your child. Each week the children will continue to bring home a library book. This needs to be returned each week so that the children can bring home a new book. Please support your child with accessing Bug Club to give them the opportunity to access stories online.

Half Termly Challenge: This half term the children are being asked to gather their own information about Mother Nature. This can be in the form of a drawing, painting, 3D model or any other medium you wish to use. The children will have the opportunity to share their piece of work in an exhibition at the end of this half term.

The Reception Team

Estonia:

Miss Kirsty Tucker
Mrs Renitha Ramdass

France:

Mrs Ruta Plauskaite
Mrs Sandhya Regmi

Germany:

Miss Kirsty Ferguson
Ms Yasmin Begum

Hungary:

Mr Sharaz Khan
Mrs Sadia Shah

PPA Teachers:

Ms Manisha Mistry

HLTA:

Ms Sharon Cook

Year Group Leader:

Miss Kirsty Tucker

Lead Learner:

Ms Barbara Willson

Deputy Headteacher:

Mrs Marie Hardie

If you have any questions or concerns, please approach your child's class teacher.

Dates for this terms educational visits

As part of our topic 'Mother Nature' Reception will be participating in a Farm to Fork visit at the Bromley by Bow Tesco to learn about healthy eating. They will have the opportunity to do the following activities:

1. Visit the fresh produce section and taste some fresh fruit and vegetables.
- 2: Visit the fresh fish counter, taste some cold water fresh prawns and hold some fish
- 3: Visit the great cheese counter and sample different cheeses, whilst learning that cheese is full of calcium which is good for our bodies
- 4: Visit the bakery section, taste some fresh baked bread and ask some questions to our in-house bakers

The trips will take place on the following days:

Estonia Class: Tuesday 14th March 2017

Hungary Class: Wednesday 15th March 2017

France Class: Tuesday 21st March 2017

Germany Class: Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Please let your class teacher know if you are available to help on this visit. Further details to follow.



PE Days

Reception have PE every Tuesday.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit, including a change of shoes.

Remember to label all pieces of clothing with your child's name and class.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their school uniform on PE days and that they bring their PE kit in a bag. The children need to practise getting themselves dressed and undressed independently.



Curriculum

This term's topics: This half term the children will be learning about 'Mother Nature'.

Literacy - Learning about facts and information. We will be writing captions, labels, and sentences. The children will also be focusing on learning red words (words that cannot be sounded out phonetically). They will be using their phonic knowledge to read more complex regular words and sentences independently.

Maths – Time, positional language, money, weight, length and 3D shapes. We will also focus on mathematical vocabulary.

C&L - The children will be using their speaking and listening skills to talk about their own experiences and the activities they have participated in.

PSED - Developing sharing and caring skills, the children will be learning to negotiate turn taking and dealing with minor disagreements. They will also be thinking about what they are good at and what they still find difficult.

PD - We will be continuing to developing our gross motor skills and learning to write letters correctly and independently. We will be focusing throwing and catching in the outdoor area.

EAD - The children will be participating in drama activities related to the stories read. During art activities the children will be using their observational skills to paint and create patterns in nature.

UW - Exploration of the world, such as learning about a variety of habitats and the animals which live there. The children will also be participating in exploring planting, growing and caring for plants.