

# Reception Newsletter

## Summer Term 1



### Dear Parents / Carers:

Welcome back to the summer term; we hope you have had a restful Easter break. This half term, we will be working hard to ensure that the children achieve their early learning goals and that they develop their skills in order to be ready for Y1 next term.

This half term the children will be learning about the topic of 'Travelling'. We will be looking at stories about space and different modes of transport, such as: Man on the Moon, Edward Build a Rocket Ship and Naughty Bus. The children will have the opportunity to explore different types of transport and discover where they can travel to in the world.

### Lost Property:

We encourage parents to label all of your children's clothing as this helps to return any lost items back to you if found.

### Home Learning:

**Reading:** The children will continue to take home a story book from class which they can change each day. Please remember to spend a few moments to share the story with your child every day. Each week your child 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 to access Bug Club to give them the opportunity to access stories online. Some children will also bring home learning related to their phonic level such as green, purple, pink, orange and yellow books. If you have any queries please see your child's class teacher or phonic group teacher.

**Half Termly Challenge:** This half term the children are being asked to create their own mode of transportation in a link to our topic 'Travelling'. 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  
Mr Paul Gillingham  
Mr Kai Parkinson-Prevost

#### HLTA:

Ms Sharon Cook

#### Year Group Leader:

Miss Kirsty Tucker

#### Lead Learner:

Ms Barbara Willson

#### Deputy Headteacher:

Mrs Marie Hardie

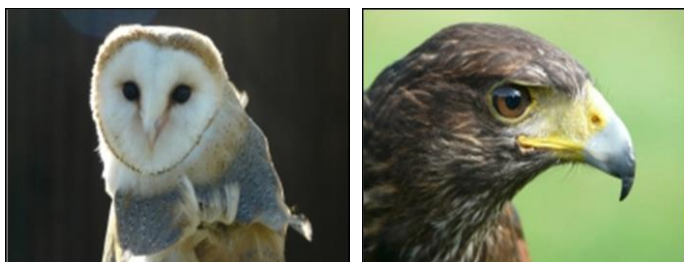
**If you have any questions or concerns, please approach your child's class teacher.**

## Dates for this terms educational visits

The Reception classes will be visited by RaptorXotics. The children will have the opportunity to watch birds of prey fly around the hall and be introduced to exotic animals in an interactive small group session.

The children will have the opportunity to touch, feel and hold the exotic animals if they so wish. All children will be learning facts about the different animals, how they travel, where they like to live and what they like to eat.

The workshop will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 for all classes.



## 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 'Travelling'.

**Literacy** - We will be continuing to read and understand simple sentences by using phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. The children will also be encouraged to write simple sentences independently which can be read by themselves and others. We will be reading books with a travelling theme (e.g. space, pirates, explorers etc.).

**Maths** – We will be focusing on basic number skills and reviewing the different strategies the children have learnt previously.

**C&L** - The children will be using their speaking and listening skills to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. They will also be encouraged to answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.

**PSED** - We will continue to develop sharing and caring skills and the children will be learning to negotiate turn taking and dealing with minor disagreements by themselves.

**PD** – The children will be continuing to refine their fine motor skills to develop the dexterity to form letters and numbers correctly and smaller in size.

**EAD** - The children will be participating in activities where they can design their own transport using junk modelling. They can explore making 3D models of planets and also create their own traffic and pirate maps.

**UW** - Exploration of the world, such as learning about space and travelling across the sea. The children will also be learning about different countries around the world and how they differ from the UK.