

Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 1



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Dear Parents / Carers:

We would like to welcome children, their parents and families to our Reception! We hope you are as excited as we are about the start of this wonderful journey! This half term is going to be full of fun and exciting learning opportunities linked to our whole school topic 'Wonders of the world'.

Many of the children will have new school uniforms. It is really important that you label each of these items, including lunch boxes and water bottles, clearly with your child's full name and their class name. This helps to return any lost items back to you if found.

We use the outdoor environment as an extension of the classroom and during independent learning time the door is always open so the children can freely access outdoors in all kinds of weather. Please provide your children with appropriate clothing for wet weather play.

This half term there will be a big focus on rules, routines and hygiene. During this time, you can support your child at home by talking positively about their experiences at school. You can also help your child by encouraging good hand hygiene such as hand-washing before and after mealtimes, after using the toilet and after touching animals. Encourage children to cover their mouths with disposable tissues when coughing or sneezing – and make sure they go straight in the bin afterwards (Catch it, Bin it, Kill it).

Many of the activities in the reception involve the use of water, play dough, paint, etc. Although we do provide aprons, there will inevitably be times when your child's clothes become stained. Please remember that we aim to make your child as independent as possible and this involves being able to manage their own clothing, toileting and putting on and fastening their own coat, managing clothing that is 'inside out', carrying their own bag and using a knife and fork when eating their meal.

Reception children must have an adult collecting them from school but can be collected by a secondary aged relative with prior written permission. Please also let the school know if someone other than the usual person will collect your child.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

The Reception team

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Egypt:

Miss Kirsty Tucker
Mrs Sandhya Regmi

Cameroon:

Miss Bryony Henson
Mrs Saira Sikdaka

Morocco:

Mrs Karolina Zielinska
Mrs Assunta Di-Crosta-Low

Tanzania:

Mrs Sadia Shah
Mrs Sukhjit Dhadwar

Classroom Practitioner:

Ms Sharon Cook

Year Group Leader:

Miss Kirsty Tucker

Lead Learner:

Ms Barbara Willson

Deputy Headteacher:

Mr Mark Woodhouse

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office or email your queries to reception@brampton.newham.sch.uk

Home Learning:

Reading: The children will take home books each week. We encourage families to read with their children every day.

In addition, you could use the oxford owl website which has a number of free e-readers you could share together: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Phonics: Orally practising and writing our letter sound of the day.

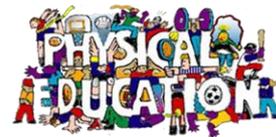
Maths: A practical activity will be uploaded to Microsoft Teams each week.

PE Days:

Reception have PE every Tuesday.

Children should come to school **wearing their PE kits**. PE kits should consist of black PE shorts and/or joggers, a blue t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls. Appropriate clothing suitable for the weather should be worn.

The children will not be changing in to their uniform after the PE lesson. Your child will also require a bottle of water.



Curriculum

This term's topics: Wonders of the World – ‘What makes us wonderfully unique?’

Literacy - We will be reading environmental print, recognising and writing our own name. We will have a big focus on our daily phonics activities. The children will be beginning to learn how to identify sounds in words and how to segment or blend them. We will be looking at lots of books in our literacy lessons and we will be discussing our favourite characters.

Maths – We will be exploring numbers to 10 and beyond, accurately counting different amounts in a range of fun and exciting ways. We will be looking at and discussing patterns in the environment and we will be making our own repeated patterns.

Communication and Language - We will be learning about the importance of speaking and listening to each other, sharing ideas, responding to instructions, answering questions and using language in imaginative play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development - Settling in to their new class, routines and building relationships with both adults and their peers. We will be talking about who we are, our families and the things we enjoy doing. During our Jigsaw PSHE sessions we will be discussing a range of emotions and feelings, exploring ‘Being Me in this World’.

Physical Development - We will be continuing to develop our fine and gross motor skills indoors, outdoors and during PE sessions. We will focus on developing shoulder and finger strength and dexterity in order to be able to hold a pencil and form letters correctly.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will have opportunities to paint, draw and use play dough. We will be designing, cutting, sticking and mixing colours. We will be creating self-portraits and portraits of friends, making collages, seasonal and topic related pictures. To develop our musical creativity, we will be exploring sounds different musical instruments make.

Understanding the Word – We will talk about some of our similarities and differences in relation to friends or family. The children will be encouraged to select and use resources around the classroom to build and construct a variety of models. The children will learn about a variety of religions by finding out about their celebrations, special stories and aspects of their identity and relationships.