

Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2



Dear Parents / Carers:

We hope you have had a restful break. We have a very exciting term planned ahead with lots going on. The children have settled in very well and they understand the rules and routines set in place.

This half term the children will have fun and exciting learning opportunities linked to our whole school topic 'Special People and Special Places.' We will be specifically thinking about 'Who can help us?'

We will continue to 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 types of weather. Please provide your child with appropriate clothing for wet and cold weather play. It is important that you label all items of clothing, clearly with your child's full name and their class name. This helps to return any lost items back to you if found.

Home Learning:

Reading: The children will continue to take home story books and library books each week. We encourage families to read with their child every day and make a comment in their Reading Record once a week.

Your child also has access to Bug Club where they can access a variety of online story books. You can find their login details in the back of their Reading Record.

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, Maths and Wider Curriculum home learning tasks are given out every Friday.

If you have any further questions then please talk to your class teacher.

The Reception Team

Egypt:

Miss Kirsty Tucker
Mrs Sukhjit Dhadwar

Cameroon:

Miss Kolsuma Chadni
Mrs Assunta Di-Crosta-Low

Morocco:

Mrs Karolina Zielinska
Miss Aaliyah Chaudhry

Tanzania:

Mrs Sadia Shah
Mrs Rejwana Begum
Mrs Jaswint Kaur

Classroom Practitioner:

Ms Sharon Cook

Year Group Leader:

Miss Kirsty Tucker

Phase Leader:

Ms Barbara Willson

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

Dates for this terms educational visits

We are looking forward to having visits from the police, a dentist and the crossing patrol. If you know anyone who has a job that links to our topic 'People who help us' and would be willing to come into school and speak to the children, please let your class teacher know.

We will also be visiting a local post box where the children will have the opportunity to post letters to someone who has helped them. The children will gain key road safety skills that will prepare them for future educational visits. Our visits will take place on the following days:

Egypt: Monday 21st November 1:00pm

Cameroon: Tuesday 22nd November 1:00pm

Tanzania: Wednesday 23rd November 1:00pm

Morocco: Thursday 24th November 1:00pm

PE Days

Reception have PE every Tuesday.

Children should come to school **wearing their PE kits**. PE kit 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.

Curriculum

This term's topics: Special People and Special Places – Who can help us?

Literacy - We will be continuing to read environmental print, recognising and writing our own name. We will have a big focus on our daily phonics activities. The children will continue to identify sounds in words and how to segment and blend them independently.

Maths – We will be exploring numbers to 10, discussing the composition of these numbers and accurately counting different amounts in a range of fun and exciting ways. We will also be subitising, looking at one more and one less and comparing equal and unequal groups.

Communication and Language - We will be developing our speaking and listening skills including encouraging the children to develop their questioning skills to find out about something they are interested in or in response to what someone had said.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – We will be discussing the characteristics of people who can help us and what qualities they may have. We will also continue to follow routines and build relationships with both adults and peers. During our Jigsaw PSHE sessions we will be discussing how everyone is different and how we can be kind to one another, exploring the topic 'Celebrating Difference'.

Physical Development - We will be continuing to develop our fine and gross motor skills indoors, outdoors and during PE sessions. We will continue to 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 develop our musical creativity, exploring sounds different musical instruments make and learning the songs and actions for our Nativity performance.

Understanding the Word – The children will be learning about a variety of cultures and religions by finding out about their celebrations, special stories and aspects of their identity and relationships. For example, Guru Nanak's birthday and Christmas.