

Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 1



Dear Parents / Carers,
Welcome back and from everybody in the Reception team we wish you a Happy New Year. We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful break and we are looking forward to an exciting and busy term ahead.

Last half term we were lucky enough to have a wealth of visitors coming to our classrooms to talk about their jobs. A big thank you to the parents who visited us and shared their experiences and expertise about their roles. We hope to continue and see more parents joining us and contributing to the children's learning journeys through their time in Reception.

The whole school theme for this half term is 'Imagination and Make Believe' and our topic for this half term is 'What is magic?' As part of this topic, we will be looking at stories that include witches, wizards and superheroes. The children will be completing lots of superhero missions. They will also have the opportunity to immerse themselves into the amazing, magical world of potions.

Our lost property box is overflowing with un-named school uniform, coats, hats and gloves, we continue to encourage parents to label all of your children's clothing with their full name and their class name. This helps us 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. 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 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

As part of our continued work on promoting a love of reading, we will be taking Reception to Discover Children's Story Centre in Stratford. Each class will be invited to explore an immersive exhibition space and take part in a facilitated workshop which includes games and stories celebrating creativity, individuality and imagination.

The visits will take place on the following days:

Morocco: Monday 30th January

Egypt: Wednesday 1st February

Tanzania: Monday 6th February

Cameroon: Wednesday 8th February

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: Imagination and Make Believe – What is magic?

Literacy – We will be practising our reading and writing skills by being inspired by a range of books based on magical worlds. We will also make up our own imaginative stories about fictional superheroes.

Maths – We will continue to deepen our understanding of number, discussing the composition of numbers and accurately counting different amounts in a range of fun and exciting ways.

Communication and Language - We will be continuing to develop 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 talking about how we can try and find solutions to problems that we may have when playing and learning with others, we will talk about finding ways to ensure that everyone is being treated fairly and will start thinking about how it makes others feel when they are treated unfairly. During our Jigsaw PSHE sessions we will be exploring the topic 'Dreams and Goals.' We will be reading the following books during those sessions: 'Don't worry, Hugless Douglas' by David Melling and 'The Jungle Run' by Tony Mitton.

Physical Development - We will be continuing to develop our fine motor skills and learn to form and write letters correctly and independently. We will be focusing on developing gross motor skills through PE lessons and discussing what contributes to a healthy diet.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will have opportunities to use role play to act out different scenarios from familiar stories. The children will also be creating masks and puppets to use as props when retelling a story.

Understanding the World – We will be discussing changes in the seasons and what this looks and feels like, and we will be using a variety of technology to record our learning. We will also be exploring the festival of Chinese New Year.