



Reception Newsletter

Week Beginning: 01/11/2021

Our termly strands are based on overarching themes and ideas.

This term is: My communities

This term we will be focusing on: **Playing and Exploring; Representing their experiences and showing a 'can do' attitude.**

The activities, learning journeys and experiences will be based on the interests of the children so that we can ensure effective engagement

This term your child will be....

- * Solidifying new and existing relationships they have made in the first term with both peers and adults.
- * Building their self-esteem by having pride in their learning and talking positively about themselves.
- * Recognising that God has a plan for them.
- * Using appropriate greetings and phrasings for different times of the day.
- * Talking about things which are important to them during new show and tell opportunities.
- * Learning the representation of numbers 1-5, digging deeper into their composition and understanding how to use them.
- * Using resources to understand 1 more and 1 less.
- * Beginning to use their phonic knowledge to segment and blend short 3 letter words. Use this skill to impact their emerging writing and reading.
- * Making meaningful marks to communicate and request e.g. requesting to join in with cooking by 'writing' a note.
- * Building strength in shoulders and wrists to support fine motor development.
- * Engaging in 'dough disco' and more sensory writing opportunities.
- * Exploring the changes in the Spinney as we move through to winter.
- * Learning how to use different equipment including pipets.
- * Finding out what is in their local community and understanding where they fit into the world.
- * Looking at local places of interest and groups in Croydon.
- * Learning about celebrations and traditions from different cultures.
- * Partaking in a nativity celebration (details to come).
- * Beginning computing sessions.

How can you help your child at home?

- ★ Continue to support your child to be independent by helping them to use zips and put their gloves on as the weather gets colder. Please ensure these are named! Gloves regularly go missing.

- ★ Remind them about handwashing and how to do this effectively (singing Happy Birthday twice is an easy way for them to time themselves).
- ★ Support your child in their eating habits, particularly now we are having daily hot meals and support them in holding and using cutlery correctly.
- ★ Practise recognising numbers to 5 and beyond.
- ★ Read every day with your child for at least 5 minutes. Please complete the reading record each time you read, with the title of the book and a short comment about anything you notice about your child's engagement.
- ★ Assist your child in practising their name writing. It doesn't matter how they are holding their pencils at this stage in the year. You can use this site to support with fine motor skills.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPg9qpq6Hhg&feature=emb_logo
- ★ Remind them to talk to an adult if they are upset and ask them to tell you one lovely thing about their day when they are collected at the gate.

· Reminders/Notices

- Please label all jumpers, coats, packed lunches, water bottles and items in your child's PE kit/ outdoor clothing to avoid them going missing. Un-named items are placed on the fence and unless claimed, will then go to lost property.
- Remember that your child will be reading weekly with their class teachers so must bring in their reading books and reading records **every day**.
- Bring in clothing for the Spinney on a Friday.

Children in **RL** should come dressed and ready for their morning Spinney session in clothes which can get muddy, rain jackets and wellies/ walking boots. Hats too if it is cold, but again please make sure everything is labelled. These children should also bring in a spare pair of shoes to change into after their Spinney session in a named bag.

Children in **RC** should come to school in their Spinney clothes and 'clean shoes', bringing their wellies/ walking shoes with them in a named bag to change into later. If children are wearing overalls, waterproof trousers or hats these can also be left in the bag until our afternoon session.

- **PE is on a Wednesday** so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kits each Wednesday. We are currently doing PE inside so plimsolls are fine. You are welcome to bring shoes in a bag for them to change into for outside play.

We hope that you have had a restful break

The Reception Team