

Reception Newsletter

Spring term 1 2019

Welcome back after the Christmas break and wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Staffing: Mrs L Rahman (Assistant Headteacher—Leading Foundation Stage)

Miss L Manzi Class teacher (RM) Miss N Begum Class teacher (RB)

Support Staff: Miss Carroll & Miss Sue (Nursery Nurses), Denise (SLSA), Maryam, & Zahanara (LSA) & Nadine (TA).

We would like to welcome Syeda who is our newly appointed Learning support assistant (LSA) who has joined our Reception team this term.

Schooltimes: School starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.20pm for Reception pupils. Please collect your child from reception first, before collecting their older siblings, if any. If parents are running late, children will be sent to the office.

Spare Clothes: Please bring a set of spare clothes for your child and leave this on their peg with their name clearly marked on the bag. This will allow us to attend to children quickly without the need to call you.

Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their full name. Also, please put your child's name on ALL of their clothing (coats, shirts, jumpers, trousers, etc). This will help to prevent any misplaced items of clothing.

Topic: This half-term our topic is 'Superheroes'.

We will be exploring the following key stories linked to our topics: 'Charlie's Super hero Underpants'; 'Supertato'; 'Ready steady Mo' and 'Jackson saves Owl'.

This is a great topic children will be developing their Imagination and creativity through fantasy stories. They will also be learning about 'real life' Superheroes. We will be discussing inspiration people such as Florence Nightingale, Mother Teresa, Mo Farah. Children will begin to learn to understand that there were people present and from the past who helped shape the lives of others.

Children will be visiting the school Food lab to make healthy snacks and have the opportunity to cook vegetables.

Vocabulary

The school places great value on the teaching of vocabulary to support the children to understand what they have read and to give them confidence when speaking to others. In lessons, there is already a focus on clarifying vocabulary and teaching key words connected to the topic. Here are the list of key words the children will be learning this half term: **Rescue; Courage; Emblem; Healthy; Strong; Unique; Positivity. Fruit and vegetable names, pips, seeds, peel**

Please help your child in developing their awareness and understanding of each topic word.

Trips: Reception classes will be visiting Discover Story Centre in Stratford this half term, the following days have been arranged for their visits. RM visiting Tuesday 29th January RB visiting Wednesday 30th January. Both sessions are for half a day. The classes will leave school at 9.30am, traveling by Bus and returning to school by 12.30pm.

Events: We will be finishing the topic with a Superhero dressing up day. The children will be allowed to come into school dressed in their superhero costumes. This event will only be for Reception children and not for other year groups. 'Superhero Dressing up day' on Thursday 14th February.

English: In English, each week the children will be reading the key text stories and will be creating their own story narratives based on the story theme. Children will be beginning to write simple sentences, understanding the use of finger spaces between words, capital letters and using full stop and the end of their sentence.

Maths: In number skills children will be learning about finding 1 more and 1 less from a given number between 1-20. Children will be using practical activities to enable them to develop their skills in simple addition and subtraction. In Shape, Shape and Measure children will be exploring size, weight and capacity. They will be learning to compare objects according to size and weight. Children will develop the use of mathematical vocabulary including, heavier, lighter, smallest, and biggest.

Key words: It is a national expectation that every child in Reception knows all 45 key words by the end of the year. To encourage this, every week we will be providing you with one key word so you can practise it at home with your child. Please encourage them to read, spell and write the key word from memory. We will send out the key word folder each week, every Friday.

Weekly Homework: Children will be given home work in Maths and Key word worksheet. Please help your child with their homework, the work is reflection of the concept of the skill taught, based on the teaching during the week. Please ensure that your child brings in their homework folder every Friday to be given the new work.

Bug Club: You all should have now received your Bug Club username and password. We encourage parents to please ensure that you find time to allow your child to read the e-books. The class teachers will be monitoring and tracking the number of books children have read, any child that does not read their e-books within the week allocated then the English leader will send a letter home. Bug Club is a fun interactive way of engaging your child with reading and you can literally do it where ever you are e.g. doctors waiting room, supermarket queues, on the bus/train, Uber. Bug Club is a website and not an app, therefore, it can be used on mobile devices such as, iPhone, Android phones iPad etc...

Reading books: Every Friday your child will receive a story book of their choice, It is very important that you read with your child **every day** and children become familiar with stories. This term we will begin to send out levelled reading books in addition to the story book.

Books need to be returned every Friday in a book bag along with the key words, in order for your child to receive a new book. Unfortunately, books won't be changed if the original book is missing, damaged or your child has not brought in their book bag. There is a charge of £5 for any lost or damaged books.

Pupil Premium: You can claim for Free School Meals by completing a claim form available online from the school's website or by telephoning the benefits service on 020 7364 5001.

Notices:

Please ensure you keep your personal details such as mobile and landline numbers up to date with the school office. Any changes must be informed immediately to the school office. Also, if there are any changes to your child's collection list please let the school office know immediately. This will minimise any misunderstandings and distress to the child as staff will be unable to release any children with anyone who is not been stated on the collection list authorised by the primary carer.

Medication

If your child is asthmatic, you must bring in an asthma pump to leave in

school together with a completed asthma card, which can be obtained from the school office. The school is only permitted to administer medication prescribed by the GP and parent's must complete a medical consent form before any medicine is sent to school for administering.

Please let us know if your child has any allergies and send in any medication that needs to be kept in school for use and when needed.

Accident and incident slips:

In the unfortunate occasions when a child incurs a minor injury, the child will be sent to the medical room for medical attention provided by a trained first aider. The first aider will assess the injury and if the injury is severe then parents will be called immediately. All other injuries the child is sent back to the class and the staff within the year group will monitor them. You will receive a medical slip to notify of the minor injury your child had incurred. Please also note that slips are not given out for every injury unless it's needed, but the child's entry to medical room is logged into a medical book for our records.

Useful websites to use for ideas and educational games to help your child at home:

- [Www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)
- <http://www.ictgames.co.uk/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cheebies/shows/numberblocks>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

