



Old Palace Reception Newsletter Summer 1

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Reception's learning this Half Term

English	Maths	Topic	RE
<p>Core Text: Bravest Fish Sharing a shell Rainbow Fish</p> <p>Children will learn to story sequence, retell a familiar narrative, and write short sentences in meaningful contexts.</p>	<p>SSM: pattern and Symmetry</p> <p>Number: Problem solving using doubling and halving</p> <p>1 more and 1 less using numbers beyond 20</p>	<p>Under the sea</p> <p>Sea life</p> <p>Pollution</p>	<p>Genesis Story (How the world was created)</p> <p>Who Muslims believe created the world</p> <p>Comparing and discussing the similarities and differences.</p>

Below is some key information for your child's year group. Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.

Keeping Safe

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents for your support in following the safety procedures. Please continue to follow the guidance including carrying out twice weekly tests at home. Home testing kits for families with primary school children can be ordered from [Schools home test kits](#). There may also be kits available at the Ecology Pavilion in Mile End and at Watney Market Ideas Store for collection. Remember these kits are only for use when family members have **NO** symptoms. If you or anyone in your household have symptoms **everyone** in the household must self-isolate immediately must book a PCR test by calling NHS 119 or by visiting [book a pcr test](#)

Please also remember that children should not be mixing outside of school e.g. if they are attending after school clubs. By continuing to follow the guidance this will help us to ensure that we prevent bubbles closing.

Easter School

We would like to say a massive thank you to the parents who sent their children to Easter School and the staff who gave up their holiday. The children have benefitted greatly from this opportunity. In Maths, they were able to cover the topic of number and in English they were able to develop their reading comprehension and writing skills.

Nourish

Our new catering company, Nourish, will be providing our lunches. In addition to a meat/fish and a vegetarian option, the children will also have the option of choosing a jacket potato and topping each day. All children will also receive a hot meal, rather than some years having to have a packed lunch bi-weekly. The new menu has been uploaded to the school website or you can

Trips

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, trips are not happening this half term. However, we have planned a school trip for Reception in Summer 2. You will get further details closer to the time.

New Covid Roadmap

The government have announced that we are entering step 2 of the road map out of lockdown. This entails the following:



If things go well, step 2 will start on Monday, 12 April.



Shops will open, including:

- hairdressers and nail salons



- libraries and community centres



- zoos and theme parks



- drive-in cinemas



- campsites and holiday cottages.



Indoor gyms will open up - but you have to go on your own or with people in your household.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table outside. You should keep to your household group or bubble.



You can have up to 30 people at a funeral and up to 15 people at a wedding, or an event to remember someone.



You should still keep 2 metres away from people.

For the full roadmap, please click [here](#).

Pick up times

Starting Monday 19th April, we are making some changes to our collection time.

If you have children in more than one year group, they will all need to be picked up at 3pm at the same gate as their morning drop off. For example, if you have a child in Year 1 and 4, both children will need to be picked up at 3pm (instead of the earlier time of 2:45pm).

If you have children in Years 3 and 5 only, then the collection time stays the same (3:15pm)

Homework



We will be sending homework as usual on Fridays along with their reading books and Key words. Some weeks we may not send out new key words, due to the words may have been already sent out, please revisit the words. Encourage your child to spell and write them in a sentence.

We will now send out a maths worksheet and an English worksheet based on their learning in class. Please ensure your child completes the work independently and give support where needed.

Topic

This half term, Reception will be learning about 'Under the Sea' Children will be identifying different sea animals and will explore their similarities and differences. They will learn about different habitats and identify characteristics of sea creatures.

Children will look at the effects of pollution in the environment and how this can affect the sea animals. There will be the opportunity for the children to look at real sea creatures which will be bought from the fish mongers such a fish, crab and shrimps, to help them make observations and explore first hand. It might be exciting for the children to see the sea creatures when they are out shopping with you, why not stop at a fish mongers or the Fish aisle at the supermarket, and test out your child's knowledge.



RE

How was the world created? (*Genesis story, Christians, Jews*)
Who do Muslims believe created the world? (*Allah, God, Creator*)



Maths

Children will be learning about repeated patterns, using shape, colour and size. They will also look at Symmetry and Asymmetry and create their own pattern work. They will explore patterns in the environment.

In number children will do problem solving using halving and doubling. They will also learn to find 1 more and 1 less using numbers beyond 20.

Half Termly Sheets

Don't forget you can check out our school website to find out about what your child will be learning, use the 'subject for half term' area where you will find useful prompts to ask your children what they have been learning.

<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/our-learning/subjects/>

Vocabulary

Below are the words they will be looking at this half term. Help your child to use these words and to check they understand what they mean

Pollution	habitat	Invertebrates
Coral reef	gills	seahorse
Sea/Ocean	fins	jellyfish
clam	turtle	whale

Ramadan & Eid

At present, it is predicted that Eid ul Fitr will fall on Thursday 13th May. If this is the case, the school will be closed for that day, followed by an inset day on Friday 14th May.

Should Eid-ul-Fitr occur on Wednesday 12th May, then their Eid party at school will be on Thursday 13th May. If it falls on Thursday 13th May, their party will be on Monday 17th May.



New staff members

Next week we have Ms Prince and Ms Sumaiyah, teaching assistants joining our Reception team. They will be supporting the children in class and carrying out interventions groups.

