



Reception - Newsletter Summer 2 2021

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Reception's Learning this Half Term

English	Maths	Topic	EAD	RE	PE
Core Text: <i>'Walking through the Jungle'</i> <i>'The mixed up Chameleon'</i> <i>'Dear Zoo'</i> Non-fiction –all about animals	Time – in relation to: Routine Days of the week O'clock Half past	'Animals' Big Cats Reptiles Habitats: - Antarctica, Dessert, Rainforest	Artist Henri Rousseau – Paintings: 'Tiger in tropical storm' 'Apes in the orange grove'	Unit – Caring for the World Christians and Muslims believe That humans have a responsibility to look after the world.	Dance and movements Games with rules

**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 are available at most chemists and can be ordered from [Schools home test kits](#). 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. If you are making use of external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for your children, it is important that they limit the amount of providers/ setting you are using, ideally limiting this to just one, to help minimize the number of people their child is coming into contact with. Parents should also check that the provider has in place their own protective measures in line with government guidance. Please see this link to [guidance for parents](#). The school is taking great care to limit contacts

Trips

Should restrictions continue be lifted we intend to take each year group on an end of year trip. We will take the children in Reception to Hainault Forest as part of their end of year trip on **Friday 9th July**.

Summer Fete

The annual Summer Fete will be on Friday 16th July 2021. However due to COVID, there will be restrictions in place. Should you have any queries, please look out for an invite for a zoom coffee morning where these can be answered.

New Covid Roadmap

As of the 17th May, the current government guidance states the following:

From Monday, 17 May:

- you can meet who you like outdoors
- but you can't meet people in a group of over 30 people.

Other indoor places will also open, like cinemas, children's play areas, hotels and bed and breakfast places.

Some larger outdoor sports and shows will be able to have people watching.

We will look at whether it is OK to be closer to people. We will look at whether it is OK to hug people.

Up to 30 people will be able to go to weddings, funerals and events to remember someone.

Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table inside.

The government will potentially announce further changes around the 21st June. For the full roadmap, please click [here](#).

e-safety

As children are using digital devices to access information and complete their homework, please remember to ensure they are using them safely. For tips and advice on how to do this click [here](#) for a simple guide. It covers the use of social media (for children 13 years and over), risks of online gaming, and use of parental controls.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be coming to school on **Friday 11th June 2021**. Please ensure your child is in **full school uniform**. Siblings will have their photograph taken together.

After school clubs

We are in the process of sorting out after school clubs for this half term. We will be writing to you shortly with the details of these. Please reply back to the letter if you would like your child to attend a club.



Summer Term Reminder

As the weather heats up, please help us to keep the children hydrated by providing them with a bottle of water (not frozen) to bring to school each morning, a sun hat/sun glasses and if required apply sunscreen before they come to school. If you are unsure about Summer school uniform, examples including photographs can be found on our school website. We understand that many children will prefer to wear sandals at this time, these should be **plain** and need to be **sturdy with a top and back strap** to avoid accidents caused by them breaking or slipping off. When wearing open sandals, ankle **socks must also be worn**, so the child's feet are not bare. When children are not wearing sandals, please ensure they are wearing black shoes (not trainers).



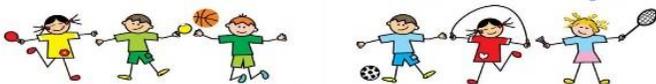
Topic

This half term, Reception will be learning about '**Animals**'. We will focus on wild animals from different climates, including, The Tropical Rainforest, Desert and Antarctica. Children will learn about the different climates and recognise the various types of wild animals live in such habitats. They will learn about distinguishing between different animal groups and identify the key characteristics of a wide range of mammals and reptiles.



Healthy Living Week and Sports Day

In **week beginning 12th July**, we will hold our annual Healthy living week. This will be a sequence of activities pupils take part in, which involves them learning and understanding about the importance of a healthy life style. The week will also include sporting activities, where pupils take part in competitive games. Pupils will be divided between 4 teams to compete in various sports games. FS & KS1 will be going to Bob's Park for their sporting activities. The wining team will be announced before the end of term. Further information will be sent out closer to the date.



Vocabulary

Every day, have the opportunity to expand their vocabulary through their topic learning. Below are some of 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

Rainforest	Dessert	Antarctica	Climate
Reptile	Marsupial	Environment	Camouflage
Endangered	Natural	Responsibility	Diet

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/>

Reading

New Bug books have been allocated for the children to read. Please remind your child to access their account each week to read one of their books and complete the quizzes at the end. Each child also has a phonics reading book along with a story book. These are sent home on a Friday and returned the following Friday.

Homework

Maths and English weekly homework will be sent out every Friday, children **do not** need to bring work back to school.

English

We will focus on extending children's ability to write creative stories and familiar narratives based on stories they have read. Children will use HFW (keywords) and new vocabulary in their writing. Children will develop on their handwriting skills and begin to use pre cursive script confidently.

Maths

Children will learn about the different aspects of time, they will be exploring analogue time, in particular O'clock, some children will be challenged with looking at half past the hour. We will

