



Old Palace Reception Newsletter Spring 1

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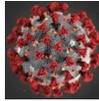
Below is some key information for your child's year group. Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.

COVID – Updates

England has moved to Plan B in response to the risks of the Omicron variant. With this in mind, you can keep track of the updates can be found [here](#).

For guidance on the changes of when to self-isolate click [here](#)

The main changes are:



- If you've tested positive or have symptoms, you can stop self-isolating after 7 days instead of 10 days if you get 2 negative lateral flow test results on day 6 and 7.
- If you get a positive rapid lateral flow test result, most people will not need to take a PCR test to confirm the result. You must self-isolate immediately if you get a positive rapid lateral flow test result.

Uniform & Appointments

As the weather starts to get colder it is important that your child brings a warm coat every day. This is also needed in case of rain. Also as windows have to be open to provide good ventilation, please make sure that your child has a jumper that can be worn in class and wears additional layers.

Please remember to arrange any appointments out of school hours. If you are unable to do so, please provide medical evidence when you are collecting your child from school or email a copy of the appointment letter/card to the admin email account.

Reading

Each week, your child will bring home a decodable book (or story book), alongside their library book. The decodable books are to support and consolidate the sounds the children have learnt in their phonics sessions. It is really important they continue to apply their sounds at home by reading aloud to you. The library books support the use of language and introduce the children to lots of new, exciting vocabulary. Please support your children with their enjoyment of reading by encouraging them to read a little bit each day at home. We recommend reading for 10-15 minutes each evening.

We will continue to invite parents to come in every Monday morning to read with your child, starting from next week. We will send out a text message with the date and time for when to come for your session to come and read together. Due to Covid restrictions, we have to limit the number of adults we have in the school building and especially in a small

We welcome children bringing in their favourite stories they've read at home or any books from home to read in school, to make the session more special.



Trips

The school will be continuing our educational trips to help support the children's learning. Staff will be following all safety protocols e.g. hand washing, use of face coverings as we have been doing since the start of the year.

We would like to thank all the parents who have been using the online payment system to contribute to the cost of the trips. Should you still need to set up your account please read the full instructions and guidance [here](#)

A text will be sent on **Monday 10th January**, inviting you to make your online contribution.

As a reminder, if you have children in multiple year groups you will need to pay for all of the trips in one transaction. Therefore when setting up your account, you will only need one account for all your children. The cost for each year groups' trips will be provided in their newsletter.





Bug Club

Bug club accounts have been updated and all children should have new books 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 2 weekly library books. These are sent home on a Friday and are returned on a Monday, 10 days later.

Tapestry

Please continue to use your Tapestry account to engage with your child's learning in school and to provide evidence and comments on their learning and experiences out of school. Please upload straight onto their online journals.

Maths

In Mathematics this half term, children will be learning number patterns with the focus on **Conservation**. They will explore using objects and to make number groups in a variety of ways, to secure their knowledge on conservation, which is to know that the number does not change even if the objects are moved.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/numeracy>

E – Safety



Online Safety Week will start the week beginning 7th February. This year's theme will be:

'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

During this week, the children will look at online gaming, chat functions, streaming and video.

The day will celebrate young people's role in creating a safer internet, however they choose to use it, from creating content to interacting with friends and peers.

PSHE

This half-term's unit is on 'Dreams & Goals'. In this Puzzle 'Dreams and Goals', the children consider challenges and facing up to them. They discuss not giving up and trying until they have achieved their goal. Children are encouraged to think about jobs that they might like to have when they are older and are taught to associate what they learn now with being able to have the job they want. They also talk about achieving goals and the feelings linked to this.

Topic

This half term, Reception's topic is **'Superheroes'**. Children will be reading stories related to Superheroes, our core text books are: Supertato, veggie rescue, Jackson saves owl and Molly Mischief.

Children learn about the key characteristics of a superheroes through story characters and relay this to real life heroes. Children will be exploring and learning about inspirational people from the past including, Mother Teresa and Florence Nightingale and understanding what who they were and what they did and the impact they had on people's lives.



Homework

Children will bring home weekly English and Maths homework, please ensure you support your child with their homework and praise them for their efforts. Homework will continue to be sent out on the Friday along with their book bags. **Please Remember to send your child with their reading books and Key words in their book bag every Friday.**

Trips

We have revised our Risk Assessments for trips taking into account the COVID safety procedures and are now able to take our children on educational visits to support their learning. The children will be visiting the Discover children's story centre in Stratford. Children will be exploring fantasy stories based on Superheroes. Both classes will go together and travel by public bus. **Date of trip: Monday 31st January am only.** Children will need to bring a back pack to carry their water bottle. They will be back to school for a picnic lunch in their classroom. We have also planned to visit Bow Arts on **Wednesday 9th February** for the morning session only. Each class have their own time slot for the visit

Expressive Arts & Design

In EAD children are going to learn about the artist Henri Ruose and explore his art work, with the particular focus on the 'Snail' potrait.



Children will explore replicating his portrait of the snail by using collaaina skills.

Curriculum

For further information on what your child will be learning this half – term please click here

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

