



Old Palace Reception Newsletter Summer 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.



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Summer Uniform

As the weather has started to warm up, we would like to send you a reminder about school uniforms.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day. During warm weather this can also include the Gingham summer dress, knee length school shorts and school uniform short sleeved tops. School shoes should be either black trainers/ sport shoes, black flats or plain sandals with a strap behind the heel. Socks must be worn with any sandals.

We would also ask that you remember when it gets hot out please provide a sun hat or sports cap for your child to wear and be sure to provide a bottle of water every day!

Parent Governor Elections

A reminder that the school is presently looking to appoint a new parent governor. A letter explaining the process has been sent by text. Nominations will close at 4pm on 6th May. If there is more than one candidate, the coffee morning on 11th May will be used as an opportunity for parents to meet the candidates. An election will then be held on 11th May. Nominations are welcome from all parents. As the school is committed to diversity, nominations from groups not presently represented on the board are encouraged.

Celebrating Eid

The school will close for Eid. As the timing of the celebration relies on the moon, we will not be able to confirm until the day before. We will text you as soon as the day is confirmed. If Eid falls on 2nd or 3rd May, we will close on Tuesday 3rd. If it is on Wednesday 4th, we will close that day instead.

We will be holding Eid parties the day after Eid-Al-Fitr. The party for parents will be from 2.15-3.30pm. We hope you will be able to join us.

The children's parties will be in their classrooms. We will provide food, but as always we are very grateful for any food donations. If you send in any home cooked food, please add a list of ingredients, so that we can make sure children with allergies are kept safe. Reception children can wear party clothes for the whole day, as long as they do not pose a safety risk. Pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery or make up at any time.

Monday morning reading sessions

Please come to your child's reading sessions, dates will be sent out by end of the week.

Children love and enjoy reading with their parents or carer and they look forward to their sessions. Please make a note of the date in your diary. This is a great opportunity to instil the love of reading which helps children become confident readers.



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

Please continue to use your child's Tapestry online journal, by uploading comments, pictures and videos of your child's learning and development at home. We also encourage any memorable experiences, such as holidays, parties, and celebrations. **Thank you to everyone who have been active on Tapestry.** Please keep it up!





Maths

This half term Reception will be focusing on Time order words, Number bonds to 5/10 and Pattern. Children practice mental recall of number facts to 5 and 10. They will explore different ways of making a repeated pattern using varied objects including shape, size and colour. Children will also be revising their prior learning on part whole model and one more and one less. This is to ensure that they consolidate their knowledge and skills, which can support and build their mathematical development.

PSHE

This half-term's unit is about 'Relationships'. Children will be learning about to how to make friends; how to solve friendship problems when they occur, show respect in how they treat others and Know how to help themselves and others when they feel upset and hurt. This is reinforced in the children's everyday play.



Reading and Bug Club

Please support your children with their enjoyment of reading by encouraging them to read a little bit each day at home! This can be their library books, other books you have at home, magazines, articles, recipes, instructions, and more! We recommend reading for 10-15 minutes each evening! 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 bi-weekly library books.

Vocabulary

Below are words the children will be learning this half term. Please help your child to use them and check they know and understand the meaning too.

Pollution	Habitat	Invertebrates	Starfish
Coral reef	Gills	Seahorse	Anemone
Sea/ocean	Fins	Jellyfish	crab
clam	turtle	whale	shark

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 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 look closely and 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.



PE

Children will continue with PE, This half term they will be **focusing on Gymnastics**. Please ensure your child wears trainers on their PE day. **RW PE has changed to Mondays** – RB PE is on Wednesdays.

Trips

Trips will continue to take place this half term and we will also continue to take into account the COVID safety procedures. Reception will be visiting **The London Aquarium on Wednesday 11th May**, to help support further learning in our topic on 'under the sea'.

Key dates

School Photo Day: Thursday 21st April
Time2enge workshop Thursday 21st April
Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May
Eid closure: Tuesday 3rd May
Eid Parties: Wednesday 4th May or Thursday 5th May

Homework

We will be sending homework as usual on Fridays along with their reading books and Key words. We will send out a maths and an English worksheet based on their learning in class. Please ensure your child completes the work independently and give support where needed.

Curriculum

For further information on what your child will be learning this half – term please click here <https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/our-learning/curriculum/>



