



## Old Palace Reception Newsletter Summer 1

Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Rahman

Class teachers: Ms Dawson & Mr Robinson(RB) Ms Patel (RP) Mr Hartigan (cover teacher PPA)

Nursery Nurse: Ms Naik Teaching Assistants: Ms Begum, Ms Mirza, Ms Nehar, Ms Savannah & Ms Jeanette



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### King Charles III Coronation

To celebrate King Charles III Coronation, Reception will be learning all about what a coronation is and what will happen on the day of King Charles'. They will also have the opportunity to take part in activities during the week:

'Design a crown' and the winners will be announced phase assembly on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May Picnic**- Reception parents are invited to Bob's Park to join their child for a picnic from 12:45pm-1:30pm to celebrate.

### Trips

As part of our topic focus, we have planned to take the children to visit London Sea Life centre in Westminster on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Cost of the trip is £8

### Maths

Please see below the order of the topics the children will be focusing on this half term:

- Exploring the composition of 10
- Exploring the composition of 10, moving from concrete to pictorial representations
- Exploring the composition of 10 by reinforcing different representations of 10
- Using knowledge of number bonds to 10 to work out how many more Calculating number bonds to 10
- Use the language of time to realise the importance of sequence
- Exploring complex Patterns

**Useful Links:** <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zhtf3j6>

### PSHE

Children are introduced to the key relationships in their lives. They learn about families and the different roles people can have in a family. They explore the friendships they have and what makes a good friend. They are introduced to simple strategies they can use to mend friendships. The children also practise Jigsaw's 'Calm Me' and how they can use this when feeling upset or angry.

### Key dates

Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
King's Coronation Bank Holiday: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
RP's Class Assembly: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Reception parent handwriting workshop: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 9:05-9:35  
Every Friday - Early morning reading 8.45-9.05am

### Staffing

Congratulations to Ms Begum, she has given birth to a healthy baby boy. We have appointed Mr Robinson who will be teaching 2 days a week in RB (Mon-Tues). Ms Dawson will continue to work 3 days a week (Wed-Fri).

### English

Our key texts for this half term are the following books: *Bravest Fish, Rainbow & Sharing a shell*  
Children will be reading each story over 2 weeks, they will be creating their own story maps, writing captions to pictures and writing their own narratives linked to the story. Children will be using their phonics skills to write words they are unsure of and will be practicing writing sentences with the tricky words they have learnt so far and begin to use adjectives to extend their writing. They will write information books, facts on sea creatures.

### Topic

This half term our topic focus is 'Under the Sea' children will be learning about Sea Creatures and how environmental pollution effects the sea creatures. Children will understand the characteristics of various groups of sea life and learn about their habitats including the different names of a wide range of sea creatures: jelly fish, crab, octopus, shark, seal, coral reef,  
<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/FS-Long-Term-Curriculum-Map-TEMPLATE.pdf>

### Homework

Reading books are carefully selected which is matched to your child's phonics level. Please ensure you hear your child read daily. Key words should be practiced in reading, spelling and writing. Maths and English homework is also given, to help children practice concepts taught in class.

