



Old Palace Reception Newsletter Spring 1

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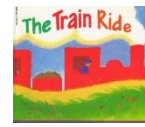
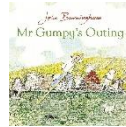
Welcome

Happy new Year to everyone, hope you had a wonderful holiday, we welcome you to a new term. This term we are pleased to have Ms Duong join us in the reception team, returning from her maternity leave. She will be job sharing with Ms Dawson in RD class.

Mon-Wed (pm) Ms Duong teaching followed by Wed (am)-Fri Ms Dawson.

English

In English the key text that we will be focussing on are the following stories: 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'; 'Whatever Next!' and 'The Train ride'



They will explore speech bubbles, story recount and story characters.

Maths

In maths children will be learning about number conservation; Knowing that the number does not change if the things are rearranged (as long as none have been added or taken away). They will also explore more than/less than and compare collections of objects and talk about which group has more or less things.

Here are some useful links to explore maths:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd4b382>

Trip

This half term as part of their topic learning, Reception will be visiting The London Transport Museum. Both RD & RP will be going together on the same day. There will be a letter sent out later with more details about the trip.

This trip is free of cost!

Trip date: Friday 19th January 2024

Topic

This half term, Reception's topic is '**Transport**'. This unit looks at past and present modes of transport and various explorers and inventors, including Christopher Columbus and The Wright Brothers.

Children will explore transport from around the world and look at how different transportation is used for various journeys. In addition, children will sort and classify objects linked to transport and experiment with floating and sinking.

Bringing things in from home

Parents/Carers this is a polite reminder that children should not be bringing in anything additional from home, such as toys, activities and accessories. It can cause problems, particularly in the playground or be upsetting if a child loses their item. If a child is seen with anything that shouldn't be in school and/or is causing a distraction, it will be taken off them and given to the parent/carer at the end of the day.

Winter Weather

As the weather is still quite cold, we ask that children please be sent in wearing warm jackets, hats and gloves, as they will need these for break times.

PSHE

This half term the focus in PSHE is Dreams and Goals.

Here are a few things that will be covered:

I understand that if I persevere I can tackle challenges
I can tell you about a time I didn't give up until I achieved my goal. I can say how I feel when I achieve a goal and know what it means to feel proud

School Photographer

It is that time of year again, to take our annual school photos! The school photographer will be coming into school this term to take individual, class and sibling photos. School photos will be taking place on **Wednesday 31st January**.

Tapestry

I hope you're enjoying accessing your child's online learning journal on Tapestry. Please upload any photos or videos of experiences your child has encountered. This helps provide a holistic understanding of your child and support their development.

Key dates

Early Morning reading – Friday 12th January 2024

London Transport Museum Trip – Friday 19th January 2024

School Photo Day – Wednesday 31st January 2024

Internet Safety Day – Tuesday 6th February 2024



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