



Old Palace Reception Newsletter Autumn 1

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Maths

In Maths children will be following the Maths Mastery scheme, this means pupils acquiring a deep, long-term, secure and adaptable understanding of the mathematics. Pupils are expected to achieve a high level of competence before progressing to the next concept. This half term, children will be learning numbers as labels and 2D shapes. Understanding the key features of different 2D shapes, circle, square and rectangle.

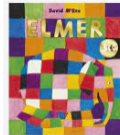
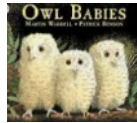
Number Recognition saying numbers in sequence (forwards) 1-10

Flu Immunisation

Flu Immunisation UK will be visiting on Wednesday 9th October to administer the free flu vaccine to all eligible children, who have completed the consent form. The nasal flu vaccine is a painless and quick procedure. The benefits include protection against the flu for the children who receive the vaccine and reduced transmission of the flu in the community. The flu vaccine is our best defence against it. A text will be sent with a link to the consent form.

English

This half term's key text used during English. Main focus Story sequence and retelling key events.



Topic

This half term our topic is 'Ourselves'. Children will be discussing what makes them special and talk about their family. They will explore different cultures and traditions and in addition learn about the 5 senses and links to the body. They will look at what are the ways of stay healthy and build an understanding of the importance.

Reading

Your child will bring a story book in their new book bag and Keywords. Please read to your child every day for at least 10mins. Encourage them to retell the story back to you and ask them key questions about the events of the story. If the story is too long, then you can read just a couple of pages at a time to them, you can adapt the story to suit your child's understanding and attention span. **Book bag changing day is Fridays only!**

PSHE

We place a high importance on the children's wellbeing and as part of this we have decided to have weekly PSHE lessons. Teachers will be delivering these sessions using the 'Jigsaw' scheme of work. It is based on a mindfulness approach which encourages pupils to:

be aware of your thoughts and feelings as they arise.

be able to focus your mind on what you choose to focus it on both outside of you and within you.

Tapestry

Reception parents will have access to an online tool called Tapestry where parents will be able to see your child's learning on their online journal. Staff will upload observations, pictures and videos of children during their learning in class. You will get notifications when an observation is done. You will receive an email to set up your account then we will let you know what to do once the account is set up.

This term's theme or 'puzzle' is entitled '**Being Me in My World**'. In this unit, the children will be exploring who they are and their place within the school and wider community.

Reception Baseline Assessments (RBA)

Your child will be participating in the reception baseline assessment (RBA) within the first 6/7 weeks of starting reception. The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. It is statutory for all schools since September 2021. You can find more information using the link below.
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1004560/2021_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf

Welcome Meeting

The reception welcome meeting was held on Friday 13th^h September, where all of the key information about reception, school routines and important updates were shared. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend! If you were not able to attend, you can find the PowerPoint from the meeting here:

<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Reception-Welcome-Meeting-2024.pdf>

Please do keep an eye out for any future workshops! If you have any questions, the class teachers and year lead would be happy to answer these at collection time.

Key dates

Settling In Meeting in week 7 date and time TBC
Local area walk, in week 8 date and time TBC

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