



Summer Term 2024 Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure welcoming your children back to school. We hope you have had a great break and are ready for an exciting term ahead.

Our topics this term are **Journeys and Transport** and **Amazing stories**

Communication, Language and Literacy

Our focus story this half term is **Whatever Next**, and next half term, it will be **How to Catch a Star**.

The children are building on their ability to retell the stories, sequencing the stories in order and talking about the characters, settings and main events.

Please encourage your child to write about their interests at home to develop their love for writing. We will also continue to share a range of stories to develop story language, listening, and understanding. It is important to read with your child every day at home. Please continue to practise their phonic and comprehension skills by asking them about what they have read.

Maths

This term, we will continue counting to 20 and beyond, recognising counting patterns and subitising up to 5 and beyond. We will be extending our range of physical resources to explore skills, including addition and subtraction to 10, doubling and representing patterns to 10. Next term, we will recall number bonds to 10, explore subtraction facts for number bonds to 5, and doubling numbers up to 5.

We will also begin to use positional language when describing where objects are in relation to something else and look at time and the sequence of our daily routine.

Understanding the World

Over the term, we will explore maps, globes, and aerial images to locate and recognise not only where we live but also other countries that are important to the children, for example, where their family is from or where they have visited. We will also look at different types of transport and what they are used for.

The children will also compare and contrast settings from stories, including figures from the past. We will look at traditional stories and encourage children to develop their own narratives using all their story knowledge from the year. As part of our outdoor learning, we will also explore seasonal changes.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will learn songs, make props, and act as different characters linked to our focus stories. We will continue to sing nursery rhymes and songs, making up our own stories and creating observational drawings.

We will also be practising and making scenery and costumes. Next half term the children will be practising for our **Early Years performance** in July. We will send you more information about this closer to the time.

Book Bags

It is important that your child brings their book bag to school every day so they are able to develop their reading for pleasure skills. The children will also have the books needed for their RWI sessions as well as a book linked to their RWI level. Please ask your child to read these to you every day so that they can practise their reading skills.

Uniform

It is important that your child is wearing the correct school uniform.

Our school uniform is a **grey trousers, a grey skirt/dress, a white shirt and black shoes.**

The children will be taking part in two PE lessons a week. They will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits: **navy blue joggers, a white polo shirt, and black trainers or plimsolls.** It is helpful if they are not wearing tights as they will need to take their shoes and socks off for some PE sessions

Enfield Town	Monday and Friday
Palmers Green	Tuesday and Thursday
Winchmore Hill	Thursdays and Friday

Please remember to continue to share your child's home learning experiences through Evidence Me. The children enjoy sharing these with their friends and it also develops their communication skills.

If you have any questions about the learning this term, we are more than happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support!
The Reception team.