Literacy

The children will soon be starting our RWI phonics programme. We also be sending books home with your child to read. We will start linking letters to sounds to record some of the amazing things that happen at school.

Help your child by: We would love to hear about all of the exciting stories they have read at home each day. It is best to share 5 stories with your child a day – (you can make these up yourself on the way home). Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day.

Mathematics

We will be focusing on number this half-term, looking at number recognition and number correspondence. We will also be using shapes to create exciting models following our, 'We are Londoners' project.

Help your child by: Practise counting / spotting numbers when out shopping, cooking, driving, walking to school and even getting ready for bed.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be creating their own self-portraits as our topic is 'Our Family Tree'. They will also be exploring new ways to combine different media and materials to create their ideas. We will look at a range of different artists to help the children develop their awareness of artistic techniques.

Help your child by:

Take a moment when reading with your child to discuss the illustrations and find out what your child likes and dislikes.

Communication and Language

We are encouraging the children to talk about what they are really good at and what skills they want to improve. We will continue to encourage children to speak in full sentences and broaden their vocabulary using story language from our favourite books.

Help your child by: Ask your child to share their day with you. Children often need a prompt, try asking, 'Tell me the best thing that happened today?' 'Tell me 3 great things that you did today?'

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Don't forget:

- Spare clothes for your child.
- Junk modelling brought in to class.
- Book bags in every day!
- Alexandra Palace trip:
- Panama 25th Sept 2018
- Paraguay 26TH Sept 2018
- Tapestry meeting 19th Sept 2018 @3pm

We would really appreciate a donation to help pay for every day consumables used in the classroom to support your child's learning. We suggest a contribution of £3 or whatever you are happy to donate which can be given to any of the Reception staff. – Thank you! ③

Physical Development

Children will start having P.E sessions as a class as well as all the different activities set up within our EYFS. They will be learning different cooperative games and practising new skills which will support their learning.

Help your child by: Allowing them to dress and undress themselves at home. Try doing it at the weekend, when you have more time. Also please bring spare clothes for your child to keep at school.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be helping the children to settle into their new classroom environment by showing them around and talking about the rules and expectations in Reception. This will be done through circle times at different times of the day.

Help your child by:

Being active on tapestry by sharing all the wonderful things you do at home, talk to your child about their expectations of their new academic year.

Understanding the World

As our topic this term is 'Our Family Tree', we will be discussing what make our families' special and different to us. We will be looking at a range of foods from around the world. We would love to welcome any parents that wish to come in share part of their home culture with us.

Help your child by:

You can share pictures of your family on Tapestry and also talk to your child about some of the traditions that are important to your family.

Some of the books we will be focusing on this term include; Oliver's Fruit Salad, The Diwali story, The Day the Crayons Quit, Making Friends is an Art, The Rainbow Fish, The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark, Stickman, Can't You Sleep Little Bear, The Snowman, Colour Poems and The Christmas story. Sharing stories is such a great way to support your child's learning so we would love to hear about their favourites from home too!