

## 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 with a focus on our golden rules which can be found on the home school agreement given during your child's home visits.

**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. There will be a Tapestry meeting after school to answer any questions you may have.

## Literacy

The children will soon be starting our RWI phonics programme where they will be introduced to using letters and sounds to independently read and write. We also be sending phonetically-decodable books home with your child to read each week for you to recap the reading session at home. In school your child will have opportunities to capture their ideas throughout their early writing journey in books which you will receive at the end of the year.

**Help your child by:** Sharing stories at home. It is best to share 5 stories with your child a day – (these don't have to be written stories from books, you can make these up yourself on the way home). Please also ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day.

## Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be creating their own self-portraits as our topic is 'Ourselves and our community'. They will also be exploring new ways to combine different media and materials to create their ideas. We will be using a range of tools and encouraging the children to use these appropriately in order to achieve a planned effect.

**Help your child by:** Taking a moment when reading with your child to discuss the illustrations which you could even have a go at exploring at home using paints, pens, recycled packaging or even natural materials found outside. If you would like to visit a gallery on the weekend, don't forget to share it with us on Tapestry.

## 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. We encourage children to explore language through role-play and new songs in the classroom.

**Help your child by:** Asking your child to share their day with you. Using pictures from Tapestry as a prompt could help to encourage more speaking about friendships and new learning. Singing songs and rhymes at home is another great way to strengthen your child's communication skills.

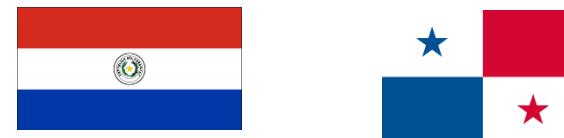
## Physical Development

We will be working on fine and gross motor skills to get our children more confident with small and big movements – which will be fundamental for their early writing skills. Children will also start having P.E sessions as a class as well as all the different activities set up within our EYFS environment. They will be learning different cooperative games and practising new skills both inside and outside.

**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 which have been clearly labelled with your child's name.**

# Reception Curriculum Web

## Autumn Term 1- Ourselves / Our community



Paraguay Class

Panama Class

## 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 topic looks at ourselves and our communities. We encourage children to apply their math skills throughout the EYFS environment in their play which will be shared on Tapestry.

**Help your child by:** Practising counting / spotting numbers when out shopping, cooking, driving, walking to school and even getting ready for bed. Sing number songs using fingers to count forwards as well as backwards and don't be afraid to practise using maths in the kitchen by weighing, measuring and following recipes.

## Understanding the World

As our topic this term is 'Ourselves and our communities', we will be discussing what makes our families special and unique. We will be looking at a range of foods from around the world. We would love to welcome any families that wish to come in share part of their home culture with us or in any ways in which you help the community.

**Help your child by:** Sharing pictures of your family on Tapestry and also talk to your child about some of the traditions that are important to your family. You can also bring in any family photos to add to our family tree.

### Don't forget:

- Spare clothes for your child.
- Wellington boots for school (if available)
- Junk modelling brought in to class.
- Book bags in every day.
- Write a comment in the reading records after sharing the new story.
- **Please name all items of clothing!**

We would really appreciate a donation to help pay for **everyday 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 ☺

**We are a healthy eating school,** so if you wish to bring in a treat for the children for your child's birthday, please ensure that it reflects our commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle.



### Key dates:

- Tapestry Troubleshooting Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September
- Reading Journal Meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Booking opens for parent meetings 19<sup>th</sup> September
- Panama Alexandra Palace Trip 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- Paraguay Alexandra Palace Trip 3<sup>rd</sup> October
- National Poetry Day 3<sup>rd</sup> October
- Phonics Meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October
- International Evening 10<sup>th</sup> October
- Parents evening 16<sup>th</sup> October (**Children finish school at 1:30**)
- Panama library trip 6<sup>th</sup> November
- Paraguay library trip 7<sup>th</sup> November

### Woodwork

We have launched the use of our wood work bench this half term. We would still like some parents to volunteer their skills, if you have a passion for working with your hands or have any practical skills you would like to share with the children, please speak with a member of the team.

### Motor Skills

We are continuing to develop the children's fine and gross motor skills to support their letter formation, writing stamina and ability to sit upright at a chair and on the carpet. We love to hear you have been making playdough, cornflour slime or any other malleable resources at home. If you would like to get recipes or any ideas on how you can develop these skills at home please speak with a member of the team or have a look on <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/> for inspiration.



### Tapestry

We have seen so many families using Tapestry to share their child's accomplishments outside of school. This gives a great sense of achievement as they talk about their experiences and helps us to build the confidence speaking to bigger groups of friends. If you would like to upload content but are struggling to do so or even if you need new login details, please come and speak with a member of the Reception team.

### Recommended books:

Here are some of the texts we will be reading this half term; 'Lima's Red Hot Chilli', 'Owl Babies', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'And Tango Makes Three', 'The Jolly Postman', 'Avocado Baby' and many more.

We also recommend that you sign up to Wood Green Library where you will find a fantastic range of stories available for children as well as a variety of free workshops and clubs available. Panama will be visiting the library on the 6th November and Paraguay will be visiting on the 7<sup>th</sup> November.