

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. We will be talking to the children about how to keep themselves safe by handwashing regularly. We will hold circle times at different times in the day with a focus on our golden rules which can be found on the home school agreement.

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.

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. Please also ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day, as they will be borrowing books from the class library.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be creating their own self-portraits as our topic is 'Me, my family and friends' 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.**

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 'Me, my family and friends', we will be discussing what makes our families special and unique. We will be looking at people who help us in our community e.g. Fire service, Doctors and Nurses

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.

Reception Curriculum Web **Autumn Term 1- 'Me, my family and friends'**



Paraguay Class



Panama Class

Don't forget:

- Spare clothes for your child.
- Wellington boots for school (if available)
- Recyclable modelling materials 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!**

Please ensure that you child's packed lunch is a healthy one, suggestions for this could be:

- Sandwiches/Wraps
- Pasta in a thermos pot
- Chopped up Fruit and Vegetables
- Yoghurt

Please do not give your child crisps or chocolate as we are a healthy school.

As nuts can cause allergic reactions please do not give your child any nut products.

We will offer your child fruit and milk every day for a snack at school and each child has a named water bottle which is sterilised each day.



Key dates:

- Black History Month: 28th September- 23rd October 2020
- Half term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020
- Children return to school: Monday 2nd November 2020
- Christmas Holidays: Monday 21st December- Friday 1st January 2021
- INSET day: 4th January 2021
- Children return back to school: Tuesday 5th January 2021

Rights respecting school

We are a 'Rights Respecting' school, we will be talking to the children about what this means, in particular Articles 12 and 28. These highlight the value of education and the importance of children having a voice.

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 and 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 a login details, please come and speak with a member of the Reception team.

Recommended books:

These are our 'Favourite Five' stories that we will be reading this half term; 'Owl Babies', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Lima's Red Hot Chilli', 'Hair Love', 'Aliens Wear Underpants', 'Whatever Next!' We would like the children to become really familiar with these books, so that they can retell them and act them out. Please encourage your child to talk about these books. 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.