

General Information and Reminders

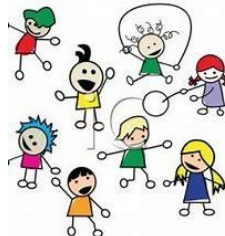
PE

PE will take place on Mondays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day by December. Children will only change shoes for the first few weeks of PE lessons.

- blue shorts/tracksuit trousers
- a grey t shirt
- plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside

Please ensure all clothes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE in Reception is taught by Mr Spadaccini.



Trips

Our trips for this term are:

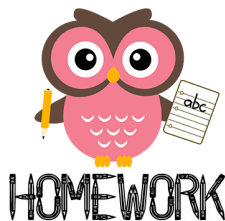
- Visiting Christ Church.
- Hampstead Heath

Our Heath outside learning will be every other Tuesday afternoon after half term. If you are available to help on any of these outings I would be grateful if you could sign up on the sheets outside the Reception classroom after half term.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday. This term it will consist of a creative activity, reading practice and a letter of the week sheet. You could also support your child's learning by hunting for objects that begin with these sounds.

The reading diaries will be used in order to carefully monitor progress in reading as well as being a useful home-school link.



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Wednesday 13th November at 10.00am. All parents and families are warmly invited. **Beforehand at 9am there will be a parent workshop on phonics.**

Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first day of absence and write a note on his/her return.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **In response to parent feedback, we no longer give out cakes, sweets or any food/non-food items which are sent in from home.**



Christ Church School, Hampstead

A village school in London inspiring *life in all its fullness*



Welcome to Reception

Autumn Term 2019



Reception

Class Teacher: Miss Innes

Support Staff: Miss Jones and Miss Mardon

Other adults working with Reception: Miss James (music) and Mr Spadaccini (PE)

Welcome to the autumn term in Reception!

This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term.

In reception we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) that prepares the children for life at school and the National Curriculum. Throughout the year we will be providing lots of opportunities for the children to work towards a set of Early Learning Goals in seven different areas of learning.

The reception team and I are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or concerns or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to discuss these with me.

Kind regards,
Vicky Innes



Our rich and varied curriculum is one of the ways we aim to inspire life in all its fullness in our school.

Our Christian Vision

We were asked to summarise our school's Christian vision in under 50 words and this is what we came up with:

*Jesus, The Good Shepherd, promises 'life in all its fullness'.
(JOHN 10:10)*

At Christ Church we believe every child and adult in our school should be able both to experience life in all its fullness now and to aspire to life in all its fullness in the future.

Literacy



Children will develop their emergent reading and writing skills. Sounds of the week will be learnt following the Letters and Sounds and Jolly Phonics schemes of work. We will be learning to write each letter in print using a range of malleable activities such as writing in the sand before working on whiteboards to practice our letter formation.

Reading



The children are encouraged to take home a story book from the book case and when they are ready, a book from our banded reading scheme. Please enjoy sharing stories with your child as regularly as you can, to cultivate and reinforce a love for reading. Please use the reading diary as a useful home-school link. Our daily phonics sessions will help to develop the initial stages of sounding out consonant, vowel, consonant words to support reading.



The children will be learning about the creation story; thinking about what is precious to them and considering what makes the world a special place. In the second part of the Autumn term the children will learn about the Christmas story with a focus on the role of the angels. The children will take part in the school's nativity performance enhancing their learning about the story. We will think about how this special event is celebrated by Christians.

Numeracy



Children will develop their knowledge of numbers, shapes and measures. We will look at saying number names in order; understanding the value of, recognising and ordering numbers 0 - 10; counting objects reliably and sorting them; finding one more/one less than a given number; exploring shapes and patterns.

Understanding of the World



We will be exploring and investigating the changes in the environment that take place in Autumn and Winter. Children will also learn about different celebrations and festivals including Harvest and Diwali. We will look at how technology is used for a purpose exploring torches, headphones and cameras to support our

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 30th September 2019 and is focused on happiness and friendship. In Reception we will be learning about school routines, developing friendships, sharing and taking turns, developing confidence and self-esteem and becoming more independent.

Physical Development



The children will be encouraged to develop their gross and fine motor skills and to move confidently and safely in a range of ways. We will practise using equipment effectively including pencils for writing and scissors for cutting. The children will take part in daily sessions of dance and movement to develop their balance, co-ordination and spatial awareness.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will develop their creative skills through art, music, role-play, drama and dance. They will be encouraged to experiment and practise a range of skills including drawing, painting, collaging, printing and stencilling. We will also be taking part in the Christ Church Art Project creating artwork inspired by our local area.

Communication and Language



We will encourage children to listen attentively and to respond with relevant comments, questions or actions. Children will also develop their interaction skills with others and be encouraged to express themselves effectively.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!