

## 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/Virtual Visits

Our trips for this term are:

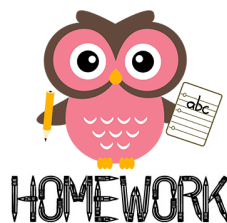
- Visiting Christ Church.
- Hampstead Heath

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 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am. All parents and families are warmly invited to join us in the school hall.

### Phonics Workshop

We are hosting a phonics workshop at 9.00am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. All parents are warmly invited to join us to learn a little more about how Phonics is taught at Christ Church.

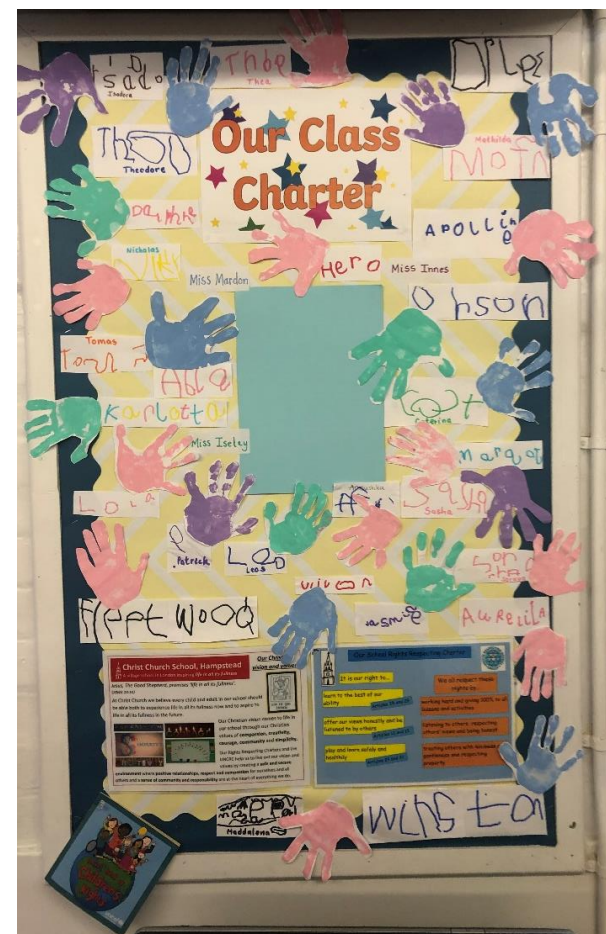
### Reminders

- 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.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays, we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class. Thank you.



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# Welcome to Reception

## Autumn Term 2021



# Reception

Class Teachers: Miss Innes and Miss Iseley  
 Support Staff: Miss Mardon  
 Other adults working with Reception: Mr Spadaccini (PE) and Mr Oliver (Music)

## 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 us.

Kind regards,  
 Miss Vicky Innes and Miss Qita Iseley

## Happiness Project

Throughout the autumn term, we will be running our whole school Happiness Project.

We have been running our Happiness Project successfully for a number of years in different formats but this year we intend to cover the weekly themes in more detail. Some of the themes (which all aim to promote positive mental health and wellbeing) you will hear your child talking about are: giving, celebrating difference, resilience, simplicity and trying something new. We are also going to link our Autumn Christ Church Arts Project (CAP) to these themes, so keep an eye out for our amazing art work and our eagerly anticipated calendar!

## Literacy



Children will develop their emergent reading and writing skills. Children will quickly develop their phonics knowledge as we begin our daily phonics programme. Children will be learning to write each letter in print and to develop a correct pencil grip. Children will enjoy a range of topics based on picture books such as *The Little Red Hen* and *The Gruffalo*.

## Reading



The children are encouraged to take home a story book from the book case and when they are ready, a book from our decodable 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 and blending consonant, vowel, consonant words to support reading.

## RE



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. 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 be exploring the topic of light and dark; learning about light sources, shadows and nocturnal animals.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Our PSHE topics match well with our Happiness Project, this means we will have two PSHE weeks. The first will take place week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, focusing on positive relationships. In Reception we will be learning about developing friendships, sharing and taking turns and becoming more independent. Our second will be the week after focusing on diversity and we will be learning about developing confidence and self-esteem alongside learning about what it means to be unique.

## 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 and weekly PE sessions 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 topics in the Happiness Project.

## 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!