

General Information and Reminders

PE

PE will take place on Mondays Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day.

- 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

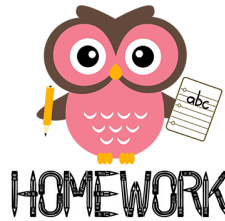
- City Learning Centre (CLC) - 15th June
- Heath trips on a Wednesday

Our Heath outside learning will be on a Wednesday afternoon. 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. Some will be with our Year 6 partners.

Homework:

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday. This term it will consist of a creative, literacy or maths activity, reading practice and four high frequency words to learn to recognise by sight.

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 21st June at 10am. All parents and families are warmly welcome.



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.
- **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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Reception

Summer Term 2023



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Class Teachers: Mrs Manning-Bennett and Mr Hollings
 Support Staff: Miss Mardon and Mr Daly
 Other adults working with Reception: Miss Miller, Mr Spadaccini (PE) and Mr Oliver (Music)

Welcome to the summer term in Reception!

This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term.
 If you have any questions, queries or concerns over the coming term, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards, Mrs Manning-Bennett, Mr Hollings and the Reception Team



King Charles III's Coronation Celebrations!

We are beginning the term learning about and celebrating the King's Coronation. We are marking this important national event with a special Church Service attended by the Mayor of Camden and with a party in the playground with crowns, party games and a picnic! We have also all been taking part in dance workshops learning dances from around the Commonwealth!



Literacy



The children will be encouraged to write down the sounds they can hear in words and experiment freely with their own writing, through role-play, free play and other activities. This is intended to help the children gain confidence so that they see themselves as writers. Our topics this term are based on 'Explorers'. We will be writing fact books about sea creatures, planets, superheroes and writing our own stories for the Christ Church writing competition.

Reading



The children will be encouraged to read from the environment around them; reading signs, posters and captions, alongside enjoying lots of new stories from our literacy topics, to cultivate and reinforce a love for reading. We will be learning about non-fiction books and how we can use books to learn facts. Children will continue to read in groups a few times a week linked to our ongoing phonics sessions.

Communication and Language



This term we will be working on responding within a two-way conversation using full sentences and encouraging the children to use new vocabulary in the correct context. We will continue to work on the use of tenses alongside encouraging the use of language to make-up stories and communicate with peers during their play.

RE



The children will be learning why Jesus is important to Christians. We will be discussing how Jesus rescued people, leading on from the Easter story to discuss what a saviour is with a strong focus on right and wrong and how people react to different events. We will continue to learn about festivals from other faiths including Wesak the Buddhist festival and Eid al-fitr that is celebrated by Muslims.

Numeracy



This term we will be building on children's previous achievements. We will be consolidating their knowledge of numbers to 10 and extending the children's counting, reading and writing of numbers beyond 10. We will be extending the children's counting skills by learning further about addition and subtraction. We will focus on some new topics such as counting in 2's, alongside exploring doubling, halving and symmetry. Children will continue to develop their mathematical skills through games, singing and structured play.

Understanding of the World



Children will be given opportunities to compare and contrast different animals, life cycles, places and objects, to look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. They will be encouraged to ask questions about why things happen and how they work. Our main topic is 'We are explorers' and throughout the term we will learn about explorers like Amelia Earhart and Sir Francis Drake.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 15th May and will focus on the wider community and good citizenship. In Reception we will be learning about our local community and how we can support others. We will be joining in with whole school projects such as learning about local charities and performing a song for the Age UK centre at Henderson Court.

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 and scissors. This term we will be focusing on negotiating space safely, balance and ways to keep our bodies and minds healthy. We will continue to use the bikes and scooters to support our learning as well as taking part in regular trips to the Heath.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will develop their creative skills through art, music, role-play, drama and dance. In art, they will be encouraged to experiment and practise a range of skills including drawing, painting and printing. We will be observing, comparing and creating our own art inspired by Monet this term. In music our topic is **Down There Under The Sea** which paints a musical picture of marine life. The children will be exploring sea-themed soundscapes, composing new lyrics, creating instrumental sea accompaniments, and responding to music with movement.