



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

YEAR RECEPTION NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back – we hope you had a peaceful rest and are now raring to go at the start of this action-packed term. It was great seeing you all at Parents' Evenings last term. I know some of you didn't manage to book an appointment so please let me know if you would like to book one in for another time.

Topic:

Our topic this term will be LOOK UP. This has started with a look at Diwali and Bonfire Night – both of which are celebrated with fireworks – as part of our Lambeth SACRE learning and then we will move onto reading the book 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryon. This will lead onto learning about space and then, nearer the end of term, learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk where we will continue our theme of looking up for obvious reasons. We will be using the wonderfully gripping and contextual Mantle of the Expert in order to be guided by the children as to where this might go but please do consider taking your child to places of interest in terms of space – the Planetarium at Greenwich, the Science Museum and IMAX there have some good shows, workshops and exhibitions. Please take photos of your child and email them to me with any quotations from them about what they are doing so that they can tell us all about it afterwards.

Mantle of the Expert:

We are a team of animal experts who get a visit from an astronaut who has a strange problem which must be kept TOP SECRET...

Junk modelling and collage equipment:

We are very grateful for any junk modelling or collage materials you may accumulate over the week. Please do send in as much as you like as we will enjoy cutting and sticking and creating things with it. Please avoid sending in anything which has contained nuts.

Trip:

We are very lucky to be going to see a puppet show, '3 Little Pig Tails' at the Omnibus Theatre in Clapham on Monday 16th December at 10.30am. *'A funny and magical winter treat for the young to make you squeal with laughter, bristling with puppets, live accordion music and lots of joining in. Will the wolf succeed in climbing down the chimney? Come help the little pigs on their snowy adventure. Garlic Theatre entertain the whole family with beautifully crafted puppets and a garlicky French twist to the tale.'* I will send out a consent letter nearer the time and ask for volunteers to join us.

End of Term Performance:

Reception will be performing some songs as part of the EYFS & KS1 performance at the end of term on Wednesday 11th December so please do put the date in your diaries. There will be one performance in the morning and one in the afternoon. More information will follow shortly.

Homework:

We have loved looking in your Family Maths Learning Journals. Thank you so much for all of the time and care you are taking over them with your families. They are really lovely. I take them in on a Friday and try to ensure your child gets them back on the same day. Please find this term's Family Maths activities attached to this newsletter so that you have everything you need for the term now. You can then choose which ones you would like to do, when. Please just stick in the sheet before the work so that I know which one you are doing as it is not always obvious. The Reading Journals are looking really good too so thank you so much for your regular and often very informative and creative entries into those. Please try to send those in each day with your child's book so that we can change them regularly.

Class Mascot and Diary:

Don't forget that if you would like to have Stripe on a specific weekend because you are doing something in particular, please do let me know and I will try to arrange it. We have LOVED hearing about her adventures thus far. Thank you.

Uniform:

Please check that everything is named as the children are often taking things off especially at this time of year. That especially applies to scarves, hats, gloves, wellies etc. as things get a bit colder but also PE kit.

P.E:

P.E. is on Thursdays. We are going to try to do our PE lessons on the pitch.

All the best,

Lucy, Shirley and Kiah