



Learning Together for a Better Future



Trips & Celebrations

Next week we will be introducing Black History Month through story.



We will also be celebrating **Harvest Festival** in school on the 18th October.



Harvest Festival



We will be collecting **Harvest Festival** donations of **non-perishable food** (tins and packets) and **toiletries** for the Bow Food Bank.

On our first day back after our half term holiday (**Monday 31st October**) we are going to mark the festival of **Halloween** through story-telling, spelling and a spooky rumpus – your child is welcome to dress up for the occasion!



Parent Partnership

We have two designated email addresses for queries:
Nurseryteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk
Receptionteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

We will be holding a **Phonics workshop** in the school library on **Friday 21st October**. It will be held at the beginning of the school day from **9-9.30am**. We will explain how we teach phonics to support your child to develop reading and writing skills. It is particularly suitable for Reception (Moon & Star) class parents as your children are now receiving explicit phonics teaching sessions.

Half Term Holiday

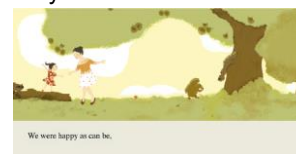
The half-term holiday will be from **Monday 24th-Friday 28th October**.

During this term our topic in Reception will be **'Me, Myself & I'** whilst in Nursery it's **'All About Me!'**. Nursery staff have enjoyed reading the 'All About Me' booklets whilst Reception children have been sharing their 'Me, Myself & I' boxes with their teachers and peers.

Reception have had a disruptive visitor this week – It was George! They have written letters to tell him **"Oh No George!"**. They have continued their phonics programme focusing on the letter/sounds **c & k**. In mathematics they have looked at grouping objects in sets of 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. They have also been introduced to the 5 frame.



The Nursery children have been reflecting on their Autumn walk in Victoria Park last Friday. On Monday we put photographs of our trip in chronological order. We then composed a sentence for each photograph and recited an oral recount using words and actions. To develop our mathematical knowledge and understanding, we used objects we collected in the park to count and create patterns and later used our hand print to make an Autumn tree. This week we learnt the song 'Underneath the spreading Chestnut Tree' with actions. We have been learning information, songs and rhymes about Autumn.



Book Bags & Reading

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school every day. **Please check their book bag daily for important letters or information.** Initially we will be inviting your child to choose a book to take home and share with you every **Friday**.



How you can help

You can help by reading to and with your child every day.

How can I prepare my child to read?

Bikes & Scooters

We are able to accommodate bikes and scooters in the Early Years playground if your child chooses to scoot or cycle to school.

Applying for Nursery and Reception places

If your child is currently in Nursery and you would like them to attend Reception here next September you will need to apply for a place online before

Sunday 15th January 2023.

If you have a younger child and would like to apply for a Nursery place for them you will need to do this before **Thursday 16th February 2023.**

Both applications must be done online using the eadmissions system: [e-admissions portal](#)

There is more information here:

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgn/education_and_learning/schools/school_admissions/school_admissions.aspx

If you need help with your application please let a member of staff know and we can assist you with this.