

EFYS Newsletter

Autumn 1
19th September 2025



Chisenhale
Primary School

Confidence • Curiosity • Kindness

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD
RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood
and lived in this school.



EFYS Meet the Teacher

Now we have settled your children you will have your first opportunity to 'Meet the Teacher'.

For **Reception** parents that will be from **9am on Monday 22nd September**. For Nursery parents this will be on **Tuesday 23rd September**, also at **9am**.

The meetings will be held in the school library.

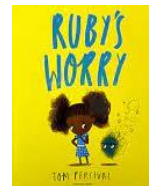
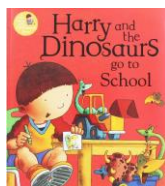
These sessions will inform you about the teaching and learning which your child will be experiencing during the school day. Teachers will share how we teach phonics and numeracy and other curriculum areas and there will be opportunities for you to ask questions and share information informally. Refreshments will be provided.

For your information 'Meet the Teacher' usually follows the format of a short presentation lasting about half an hour, followed by time for questions and informal chat over refreshments.

Teachers usually return to their classes by 10am.

This Week in the EFYS

This week in Nursery your children have been getting to know each other by playing ring and circle games. They have been demonstrating their ability to join in, take turns, sing and dance, including learning a 'Dinosaur Movement Song'. Our word of the week is **dinosaur**. We read the stories 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' and 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to school'. We have been learning the names of Harry's dinosaurs, and have cut out and printed our own 'bucketful of dinosaurs'. We have also been reading stories and information about dinosaurs. In mathematics we have been sorting, counting and ordering dinosaurs.



This week Reception classes have been reading 'Ruby's Worry' by Tom Percival. They have also begun the 'Think Equal' programme for PHSE by thinking about **similarities** and **differences**, which they also linked to their work in mathematics, identifying sets and matching pairs. They have started the phonics programme which is recommended by Tower Hamlets. This is how reading and writing is taught at Chisenhale School. The children will begin by learning the letter-sound correspondence for each of the letters of the alphabet. This will include reading and writing the letters in turn. This week they have focused on the letters **s, a & t**. They have practised forming the lower case form of these letters.

Please help your child to practise writing their name using an initial capital letter followed by lower case letters.

Trips & Celebrations

The first trip of the year for the EFYS will be to **Victoria Park** to look at the environment and to experience **Autumn** through our senses.

Capercaillie and **Crossbill** Reception classes are planning to go in the afternoon of **Monday 29th September**. Reception classes will probably leave school shortly after **1pm**.

Sun Nursery Class are planning to go in the morning of **Wednesday 1st October**. They will probably leave around **9.30am**.

Both year groups will probably spend around an hour and a half in the park before returning to school. Both trips will be dependent on good weather.

We welcome parents to accompany us on this, our first trip of the year. Please speak to your class teams

Half Term Holiday

The half-term holiday will be from **Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October**.

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.

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, provided you arrive before the gates close in the morning.

How can I prepare my child to read?

Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

Play with water, mud, paint and sand are essential experiences for children in the Early Years which have important developmental learning outcomes. We encourage this exploration, **but it can get messy!**

Therefore, please ensure that your child has a **spare set of clothes** in their changing bag at school in case they get wet or dirty. If your child needs to change we will send the dirty clothes home in a plastic bag in their changing bag for you to return the next day.

Children also need to continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day. Please make sure it is named.

All personal property should be labelled clearly with your child's name and class!

It will help us to help your child to learn to look after their property.
Friday is non-uniform day at Chisenhale Primary School