



Rushey Green Primary School

Reception Class Newsletter - Spring 2 2020

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Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for a fun packed term leading up to Easter. This newsletter is filled with information about the fantastic learning that takes place in the reception classes, as well as ideas on how you can support your child's education at home.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to discuss this with a member of the team.

The Reception Class Teams

Jules, Mrs Asamoah, Miss Stewart, Mrs Morgan, Miss Ollenu, Miss Donna Mrs Alliband & Miss Lockwood

This term our topic is... Pirates



Over the course of this half term the children will be learning all about pirates. We will be looking at the most famous pirate of all 'Black Beard', as well as making treasure maps, messages in a bottle and creating our own Jolly Roger flags. We will also be making our own treasure boxes and visiting the Cutty Sark at Greenwich.

In literacy we will be beginning to write simple CVC words and short sentences. During our daily supported reading sessions, we will start to recognise our high frequency words and begin to read simple sentences independently.

In maths we will begin to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting using our numicon shapes and we will select the correct numeral to represent 1 to 5, then 1 to 9 objects.

During our PE lessons we will learn how to move freely with pleasure and confidence in a range of ways, such as slithering, shuffling, rolling, crawling, walking, running, jumping, skipping, sliding and hopping, as well as learning to jump off an object and land appropriately.

Dates to remember!

Thursday 19th March Parents Evening
Wednesday 25th March Trip to the Maritime Museum

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Friday 3rd April reception vision and hearing tests
Friday 3rd April End of term

High frequency word sheets



Phonics Games to Support Reading & Writing

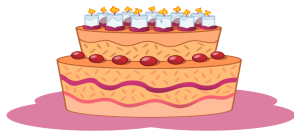
Here are a few ideas to support your child's reading using the high frequency word sheets that we send home

- Start with page 1. When your child can confidently read all these words then cut them up and lay them on the table. Say a word and if your child finds it without any support, they get to keep the word. Then it's your turn. Ask your child to read a word and you have to find it (the winner is the person with the most words).
- Photocopy the sheets and play word snap.
- Photocopy the sheets and play word bingo.
- How many high frequency words can you write in 1 minute?
- Can you write the sentences on the sheet?

Please remember to keep practising the sheets at home as we have noticed a huge improvement with the children's reading over the last half term.

Ideas to support your child's learning at home

- **Make time to listen to your child talking** - as you meet them from school, travel in the car, at meal times, bath times and bedtimes - any time!
- **Switch off the TV, radio and mobile phones** - and really listen!
- **Use puppets and toys** to make up stories or retell known ones. The children loved the stories that we learnt about last term, (Goldilocks and the three bears, The 3 little pigs, Jack and the beanstalk) Record your child telling the story and play it back to them.
- **Play hunt the word game** - hide words in sand or flour, set a timer, hold up the word that you want them to hunt for, and 'go'. Repeat the word and encourage them to say - I am looking for the word 'the'.
- **Play pairs**, using a pack of playing cards. Ask your child to turn over two cards at a time trying to find a matching pair.
- **Read to your child** every night and then ask them questions about the story.
- Put five items of one kind and six items of another kind on a table and mix them up. Ask your child to sort them and count them. "Which group has more"? less"?
- **Above all have fun!**



Birthdays a reminder!

During your child's time with us they may have a birthday. Whilst we like to celebrate this occasion by singing 'happy birthday' to them, we do not encourage children to bring in birthday cakes, sweets or party bags. Many children have allergies to nuts and other foods and we are unable to monitor what they contain. You may however like to bring in some fruit for the children to share during the day. Alternatively, you may wish to donate a book to our class library which many children enjoy doing.

Thank you for your co-operation

Trip to the Maritime Museum



On Wednesday 25th March the children will be going to the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich. In order for this trip to take place we need lots of parent volunteers please. Unfortunately, we are unable to take younger siblings though, so if you are able to support us please let a member of staff know as soon as possible.

Thank you