



## WELCOME TO THE SPRING TERM IN RECEPTION!

Staff in Reception are:



Roushanara Khanam	Class Teacher
Nazia Begum	Class Teacher
Anna Lindsay	FS Leader/RWI Manager
Amila Begum	HLTA
Farzana Khatun	HLTA
Sherina Buchanan	Teaching Assistant

*I will be learning...*

### COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

We will be building on children's phonics knowledge and encouraging them to read and write independently. Please ensure that your child has their reading diary and book bag daily and remember to read with your child EVERY night! Please continue to spend time with your child every evening to practise their sound writing in their take-home books.

### MATHEMATICS

We will be developing our knowledge and understanding of numbers with a focus on calculating. We will be exploring size, length, distance, capacity and weight within our Maths lessons and also in our play.

### EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Our topic this half term is 'Let's Pretend', so we will be using our imagination to role play lots of different stories and even make up our own stories and characters. We will continue to explore musical instruments and dance within our play. You can listen to music at home with your child to enable them to build up a repertoire of songs.

#### \*\*\*\*WE NEED YOUR HELP\*\*\*\*

As part of our English topic on 'The Gruffalo', we will be making homes for our own creatures. We would love for every child to have a box to make it in, for example; a shoe box or a box of a similar size.

### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will be learning how to move their bodies and dance as part of our Gruffalo topic. They are lucky to have a professional dancer from Sadlers Wells who will be teaching them each week.

Poplar Class will have P.E. on Tuesday and Mulberry Class will have P.E. on Thursday every week. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit.

### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will be exploring growth cycles and the natural world through our planting area outside. We will be planting beans and other plants, learning how they grow and how we can look after the world around us.

### HOMEWORK

Please read with your child every day. Levelled books are changed everyday when a comment has been written in your child's reading record.

Please ensure your child completes a Maths activity (from the Spring term Maths homework booklet). This can be recorded on the booklet or on Tapestry.

Ensure you child is practising reading and writing their High frequency Words daily.

### OUR TOPIC

Our topic this half term is...

**'Let's Pretend'**

### DATES AND REMINDERS

- ♦ All children are required to wear a full school uniform.
- ♦ Please ensure children arrive by 8:55 am.
- ♦ Please ensure all clothing is labeled with your child's name.
- ♦ Please remember to provide your child with a coat. To enable your child to enjoy the outside area at all times, it would be helpful to have wellies, a scarf and gloves. In rainy weather, please ensure that your child's coat has a hood.
- ♦ Please add any photos or videos of activities the children get up to at home on Tapestry.
- ♦ We will be continuing our High Frequency Word tests every week, so please keep practising with your child at home. We would love the children to be able to take home a new set every week. These will be practised on a Wednesday.
- ♦ The last day before the half term holiday is Friday 10th February 2023.

## TAPESTRY...

Well done to all the parents who have uploaded their children's learning from home on Tapestry!

We would love to see all children's learning experiences from home on Tapestry (a minimum of one observation per week).

We wonder which class will win the weekly competition for uploading every child's work on Tapestry! The competition is on!

## Dear Parents & Carers...

We work in partnership with you to make your child's experience in Reception a happy one. We encourage our parents/carers to:

- Develop a good routine to ensure your child arrives at school on time.
- Encouraging your child **to be more independent**. Let them sort out their own items for school, such as lunchboxes, coats and shoes etc.
- Listening to them read or asking them about the books they are reading and encouraging them to read **every day**.
- Practising numeracy skills in a friendly and informal way – number games
- Show an interest in your child's day and talk about what they have been learning.
- Encouraging and supporting them to do their homework by themselves. Remember - it is **their** homework, not yours.

**If you have any questions or worries — no matter how small — please let us know!**

## What you will need ...



### SCHOOL SHOES

Plimsolls or lace-ups. Trainers can be worn, as long as they are completely black.

### P.E. KIT

Black shorts/tracksuit bottom, white t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers in a small bag labelled with their name.



## A SCHOOL BOOK BAG

Please try **NOT** to bring rucksacks or large bags to school - space is limited!



Mrs Khanam

Miss Begum

Please **remember** to label everything with your child's name – especially sweatshirts, PE kits and coats!



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