Everyone belongs at Reay; we think creatively and have a thirst for learning.

Thursday 5th November 2026

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Nursery families,

Welcome to back to Reay Nursery, we hope you had a good half term break. We are looking forward to another fun term and have lots of exciting things planned.

A reminder of the staff in the Nursery team;

Caroline Rachel Nursery teacher Monday – Thursday

Rachel Nichols Early year educator Monday – Friday

Jo Ouzene Nursery teacher Fridays

My planning, preparation and assessment time is on Tuesday afternoons, Jo will be covering Nursery during this time too.

In Nursery we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, providing activities for children to access themselves and we take a child-led approach to their learning. We encourage children to explore and learn at their own pace, driven by their natural interest and curiosity. Adults in the setting observe children as they play, identifying areas of interest and development. From there, we plan engaging activities that build on these interests, helping to extend their learning in fun and meaningful ways. By allowing children to take the lead, we foster independence, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning.

Here is a general daily timetable for Nursery

8.45am arrival and settling

8.55am carpet time

9.10am free flow activities (including snack time at 10am)

11.20am carpet time, sharing our learning

11.30am eating lunch in the dining hall

11.45am morning children go home

12 Afternoon children arrive, free flow activities

1pm carpet time

1.15pm free flow activities (including snack time 2pm)

2.40pm tidy up time

2.55pm carpet time, story time

3.15pm home time

Within free flow time we carry out focus tasks related to our termly theme and also core stories. We carry out activities 1:1 and in small groups. We focus a lot of the development of PSED (personal, social and emotional development) and Communication and language through playing games and carrying out interventions.

Each term we have topic or theme to guide us in our learning along with the children's interests. This term the topic is 'Colours All Around Us'. We will be learning about festivals and celebrations which occur and also about the seasons and weather. Please see the attached topic square of how the topic is applied to the areas of the EYFS framework.

Please send your children with a spare set of clothes to stay on their peg. We encourage children to use the toilets and will work with families to support with getting used to toilet training if needed. Please also send children with a labelled water bottle. Children have access to drinking water as well, but we find it works well if they have their own bottle to keep hydrated.

Please notify the school and provide a photograph if a different person is collecting your child.

Children are welcome to take a book from our class library for you to read together at home. We will change these books every Tuesday and Thursday but can be changed any time in between too.

Outdoor play is an essential part of our daily routine, giving children the opportunity to explore nature, develop physical skills and enjoy fresh air.

Children's safety is our priority, in the case of an accident you will receive a notification from Medical Tracker via email. We will of course phone you, if needed, in certain circumstances.

We will continue to take observations on software called Evidence Me, used to document your child's learning and progress across the year. We will also share some of these with families, there is no set frequency for the observations as it is dependent on activities and interactions observed.

Please do speak to us at drop off or pick up if you have any questions or concerns. You can also email the school at admin@reay.lambeth.sch.uk and they will forward any messages to myself.

The Infant Christmas performance will be on Wednesday 9th December at 10.30am and 2pm, details of how to buy tickets will be sent separately.

We are really looking forward to a term of exploring, learning and fun.

Yours sincerely,
Caroline Rachel