



**THERE'S
NO
FULL STOP
TO LEARNING**

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 1

Dear Reception Parents/Carers,

What a half term! We have really crammed in so much fun and learning (or maybe I should write those the other way around?) and it doesn't stop there!

Topic:

Our topic, as you know, is *ANIMALS*. We will cover PETS, BIRDS and DINOSAURS and will continue to use Mantle of the Expert in order to explore the topics. Please do consider taking your child to places of interest in terms of animals e.g. Vauxhall City Farm, London Zoo, Battersea Park Zoo, Richmond Park, the ponds in Brockwell Park, Kew Gardens, the vets or a pet shop. Don't forget to take photos of your child and email them to me with any quotations from them about what they are doing so that they can tell us all about it afterwards. If you would rather, I have attached some slips which you could fill in with interesting quotations or occurrences with you child which you would like to be included in their book. We will also start work on our end of term show!

Class Mascot and Diary:

Mary has now been home with 5 children and is having a wonderful time so please keep checking your child's bag on a Friday to see if you are the lucky family. Please don't forget that you can email me the photos and I will print them if that is easier and also if you would like to have her on a specific weekend/holiday, please do let me know and I will try to arrange it.

P.E:

P.E. continues to be on Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child has black shorts, Reay PE t-shirt, socks and plimsolls in their bag every Wednesday. Please ensure these are all named along with their uniforms.

Family Photos:

Please email or send in a photograph of your child with their family for our families display board. It is looking really lovely but we currently only have 12 families up there and we would love to have 30! If you would rather email them to me, I will happily print them and make frames for them.

Homework:

We have loved looking in your **Family Maths Learning Journals**. I take them in on a Tuesday to go through them with the child either one to one or with the class. Please don't worry therefore if your child doesn't come home with it on this day as it sometimes takes longer than expected. If you haven't already, please do have a go at **Mathletics** as well. The **Reading Journals** are looking really good too! Please do come to the Phonics Workshops to find out more about what more (if anything) you could be doing to help with phonics and reading at home.

Junk modelling and collage equipment:

Please do continue to bring in junk modelling things.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 14 th November	Phonics Workshops in Junior Hall at 9am and 5pm
Saturday 1 st December	Help Connie in the Garden day – wear your wellies and waterproofs and come to help Connie prepare the garden and all the outdoor spaces especially digging te pond I think...
TBC	Trip to Natural History Museum dinosaur exhibition
Thursday 13 th December:	Infants' Winter Show (10am and 2pm)
Friday 14 th December	Winter Fair in the playground 3.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 19 th December:	Junior Winter Show performed to EYFS and KS1 Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20 th December	Reception End of Term party – please do bring in party food etc (more info later)

Trips:

Thank you for coming on our trip to Dulwich Woods and making it such a success. This term, we shall be going on some more so please do put your name down to come if you can. I realise that it is not always possible of course but it is brilliant when lots of parents/carers come to share all the fun.

All the best,

Lucy Coates and Shirley Mouellef