



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back – we hope you had a peaceful rest and are now raring to go at the start of this action-packed term. It was great seeing you all at Parents' Evenings last term. I know some of you didn't manage to book an appointment so please let me know if you would like to book one in for another time.

Topic:

Our topic this term will be LOOK UP. This has started with a look at Diwali and Bonfire Night – both of which are celebrated with fireworks – as part of our Lambeth SACRE learning and then we will move onto reading the book 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryon. This may lead onto learning about space (although, last year, the class were really into watching birds so we looked up at those as well) and then, nearer the end of term, learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk where we will continue our theme of looking up for obvious reasons. We will be using the wonderfully gripping and contextual Mantle of the Expert in order to be guided by the children as to where this might go but please do consider taking your child to places of interest in terms of space – the Planetarium at Greenwich, the Science Museum and IMAX there have some good shows, workshops and exhibitions. Please take photos of your child and send them to me on Evidence Me with any quotations from them about what they are doing so that they can tell us all about it afterwards.

Mantle of the Expert:

We are a team of animal experts who get a visit from an astronaut who has a strange problem which must be kept TOP SECRET...

Junk modelling and collage equipment:

We are very grateful for any junk modelling or collage materials you may accumulate over the week. Please do send in as much as you like as we will enjoy cutting and sticking and creating things with it. Please avoid sending in anything which has contained nuts.

Trip:

We are very lucky to be going to see a puppet show, 'Jack and the Beans Talk' at the Omnibus Theatre in Clapham on Wednesday 17th December at 10.30am. *'This fresh, festive and funny retelling of the classic fairy tale will hold young audiences spellbound with a blend of table top puppetry, charming storytelling, and plenty of joining in. Expect an enormous beanstalk, bags of gold and a smelly old giant.'* I will send out a consent letter nearer the time and ask for volunteers to join us.

We will also probably have a trip to our local library, the Minet Library on Thursday 20th November; I am just awaiting confirmation from them. This will be just for an hour or so and we will be back in time for lunch.

End of Term Performance:

Reception will be performing some songs as part of the EYFS & KS1 performance at the end of term on Wednesday 10th December so please do put the date in your diaries. There will be one performance in the morning and one in the afternoon usually at 10.30am and 2pm. More information will follow shortly.

Homework:

We have loved looking in your Family Maths Learning Journals. Thank you so much for all of the time and care you are taking over them with your families. They are really lovely. I take them in on a Friday and try to ensure your child gets them back on the same day though this is not always possible. Please find this term's Family Maths activities attached to this newsletter so that you have everything you need for the term now. You can then choose which ones you would like to do,

when. Please just stick in the sheet before the work so that I know which one you are doing as it is not always obvious.

The Reading Journals are looking really good too so thank you so much for your regular and often very informative and creative entries into those. Please try to send those in on their book changing day – reminder below – with your child's book so that we can change them regularly. Don't forget you can also ask your child to login to their Bug Club account and read as many books as they like on there as well as play phonics games etc. Their usernames are all written in the front of their Reading Journals and the school code is: lq7p.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aleyna Amari Anna Brodie Charlie Charlotte Dougie Harry	Ianthe Inara Isaiah Jace Jonah Juno H Juno L Khaliya	Lonny Lydia Marly Mason Mathias Mischa Ozzy	Niana Nicholas Rukayah Ruth Samuel Teddy Valeria	Catch-up day: If your child forgot their books on their day or we were unable to change them due to being on a trip or something, please send them in on the Friday and we will do it then.

I have also attached some flashcards of the sounds we have learned so far and the tricky words/high frequency words we have learned so that you can cut them out and put them around your house or go through them with your child every day for 1 minute to get them so familiar with them that they can read them on sight without having to try. This will hopefully really help with their confidence as well as their reading speed and ability. Please note: we have not yet learned /e/, /u/, /r/, /h/, /b/, /f/, /ff/, /l/, /ll/, /ss/ or 'go' and 'no' but will do over the next few weeks so I included them anyway simply because it's tricky to take them off the sheet. They won't know them yet so don't worry that they don't.

I have also attached the first 100 high frequency words (words which come up regularly in everyday reading) as many of you were asking about them at Parents' Evening. These are very useful to learn at sight too for the same reasons as the tricky words but please don't worry; they will master them over the coming months and it's definitely best to share them with your child if they are super keen and want to do it but don't fight it if they don't.

Class Mascot and Diary:

Don't forget that if you would like to have Stripe on a specific weekend because you are doing something in particular, please do let me know and I will try to arrange it. We have LOVED hearing about her adventures thus far. Thank you.

Uniform:

Please check that everything is named as the children are often taking things off especially at this time of year. That especially applies to scarves, hats, gloves, wellies etc. as things get a bit colder but also PE kit.

P.E:

P.E. is on Mondays. We will be doing PE indoors this term due to the cold.

Useful Dates for Your Diary:

Thursday 20 th November:	Class trip to Minet Library, TBC
Friday 5 th December:	No Uniform day – please bring a cake for the Winter Fair or £1 donation Winter Fair – 3.15pm – 5.30pm. Please do volunteer to help with this with Friends of Reay
Wednesday 10 th December:	EYFS and Infants' Performance, times TBC
Thursday 11 th December:	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day
Wednesday 17 th December:	Class Trip to Omnibus Theatre to see Jack and the Beans Talk puppet show.
Thursday 18 th December:	Class Party – please send in a donation of party food or drink (no nuts or fizzy drinks please). You child can bring party clothes to change into if they wish.
Friday 19 th December:	Final day of term.

All the best,
Lucy, Nancy and Shirley