



# THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

## Nursery Newsletter – Summer Term 1 (2024)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a great break and enjoyed the yummy chocolate treats! Eid Mubarak to our families who celebrated during half-term. We are happy to see all the children and we are ready for a fun-filled Summer Term as we learn through play. Our topic this term will be about 'Water' the children will learn about the importance of water. The children will discover sea creatures that live under water including sharing our own experiences and talking about different things we can do with or in water such as swimming or boat rides. Please see Nursery's topic square for more information. Although this is our topic we will continue to engage in child-initiated play and adapt our learning to further explore the interests of the children.

**[Date for your diary: Class Assembly – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 10.30am](#)**

### What to expect at Nursery

In Nursery (Early Years) we are child led this means we follow the child's interests in order to make learning more meaningful to them. The children have full access to the resources both indoors and outdoors. The adults will support and encourage the children to become independent, self-assured and participate in new experiences. As well as respond to their interests and build on their knowledge and understanding.

### Phonics

Phonics in our Nursery is an informal approach that is taught through play which involves singing songs and playing games. It is all about listening to different types of sounds and learning to tell the difference between them. We encourage the children to say/talk about the sounds they hear in the environment such as birds chirping, ambulance siren etc and we develop their phonological awareness by helping them to identify initial sounds in their names and other words.

We have noticed that some children have shown a great interest in learning about sounds. Here is a fun game you can play with child it is called 'Sound Walk': Ask your child to take a walk around the room and look for objects with the sound that you will give to them. For example, if you will give them the /m/ sound, you can ask them to point out to things like mat, mirror, mop, mug etc.

I have also provided a website link below for parents to hear and see how each letter sound is pronounced:

English Letter Pronunciation Phonics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jy0ystXuDcs&t=96s>



### Who is in Nursery?

Jade Edwards-Alvaranga – Class teacher: Monday to Friday  
Rachel Nichols – Early Years Educator: Monday to Friday  
Kiah Gordon – Teaching Assistant (TA): Monday to Friday  
Alice Flynn will be in Nursery on a Thursday morning

### School – drop off and pick up times

Full time session: 8.45am – 3.15pm  
Morning part-time session: 8.45am -11.45am  
Afternoon part-time session: 12pm – 3.15pm

### Toilet training

When children are in Nursery they are often engrossed in their play that they forget to use the toilet, this is expected. Please bring in a change of clothes including shoes and a spare bag to put the wet clothes in, in case of accidents. If your child is in the early stages of toilet training, we are here to help you but we want you to do as much as you can to support this at home. If you need some tips, please come and ask us. We understand that this can be tricky at times.

### Clothing

In addition to a change of clothes, please bring a waterproof coat and a pair of wellies. We want to make the best use of our outdoor space in any type of weather. Similarly, if it's a very sunny day, please apply sun cream to your child in the morning and then send some in so it can be reapplied if your child is here all day (Please label the sun cream with your child's name). **All clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's name please to minimise loss!**

### Evidence Me

We use Evidence me to record observations of the children's learning. We will send observations of your child to you at anytime so please ensure you have checked your emails to activate your Evidence Me account. Please note – Evidence Me is not only for teacher input; we would love you to contribute to it as well. If your child has done something fantastic or exciting, perhaps a new experience or a developmental milestone, you can upload photos too.



### Learning Journal

In addition to Evidence Me each child will have a special book with pictures that is used to document important moments throughout their time spent in Nursery. The children have access to these books in class where they enjoy looking and talking about their photos. Parents are welcome to look at their child's learning journal book at anytime too. Similarly, to evidence me you can add significant experiences that happen in your child's journal. Please let us know and we will add the photo into the journal.

### Changing books

The children can change their books at anytime during the week however we will check to ensure the children have changed their books every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

### Class X/Twitter Account

A great way to keep up to date with our exciting learning that takes place during the school day in is on the social media platform 'X/Twitter'. Please follow **@JadeEA\_Reay** and **@ReayPrimary** for updates too. Even if you don't have a personal 'X/Twitter' account you can still access the platform by typing **@JadeEA\_Reay** or **@ReayPrimary** into a Google search.



As always please do not hesitate to contact me or speak to me at drop off or pick up if you have any questions or concerns. The schools email address is [admin@reay.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@reay.lambeth.sch.uk) they can forward any messages to me if you prefer to contact via email.

We are looking forward to an amazing Summer Term 1!

**Kind regards,  
Jade Edwards-Alvaranga and the Nursery team**