



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

Summer 2 Newsletter

Dear Nursery families,

We hope you are all well and had a good half term break, we are excited for the last term in Nursery where there are lots of fun activities and learning to do! The children have made fantastic progress over the year and we are excited to prepare those children who are moving onto Reception classes in September whether that will be at Reay or another primary school. We will be in contact with schools to make sure the transition is as smooth and happy as possible for all.

Families are all warmly invited to our *Nursery class assembly on Thursday 25th June at 10.30am* in the Junior hall. Please can afternoon children attend for the morning session on that day (8.45am-11.45am).

Nursery sports day will be on Wednesday 8th July 9-10am on the pitch. Families are welcome to come and watch.

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 focus stories. We carry out activities 1:1 and in small groups.

Each term we have topic or theme to guide us in our learning along with the children's interests. This term, our nursery topic will be based around the wonderful books of Julia Donaldson. We will be exploring a range of her popular stories, including *The Gruffalo*, *The Smartest Giant in Town*, *The Snail and the Whale*, and *Monkey Puzzle*. The children will have the opportunity to listen to and enjoy these engaging stories, helping to develop their language and listening skills. Through related activities such as role play, arts and crafts, and themed games, we will bring the stories to life while supporting learning across all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum.

As the weather is getting warmer, please send children with a labelled water bottle and suncream on hot sunny days. Please apply suncream before school and they can 'top up' during the day when it is hot. Children have access to drinking water, 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.

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.

We are really looking forward to another fun and exciting term,

Yours sincerely,
Caroline Rachel