

Reception Newsletter Spring 1

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. We have had a brilliant first week back in Reception, the children have come back ready to learn and are very comfortable in our routines in Reception.

In Reception we learn through the EYFS framework and curriculum, we explore and learn through play and experiences. Our overall theme this term is 'Seasons – Weather all around us'. We will firstly be learning about Winter, we already enjoyed spotting the first tiny bit of snow on Monday! We then will move onto learning about Spring and growing. We will complete a Literacy Tree unit based around 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. This will give the children lots of opportunities for early writing. As well as whole class sessions, the children explore both indoors and outdoors throughout the day and have access to a range of activities linked to the different subject areas. Please see the attached topic square for further information on how the topic is delivered across the EYFS subjects.

In Reception the staffing is as follows;

Caroline Rachel - class teacher Monday – Thursday

Connie Blackett-Ord - class teacher Friday

Shirley Mouellef - teaching assistant

Nancy Headlam – teaching assistant

The daily routine for this term is below:

8.45 Register, coats and bags away, settling activities

8.55 Whole class literacy input and suggested activity.

9.10 Free flow activities exploring inside and outside (including adult input tasks in groups of individually and individual readers)

10 snack time

10.15 Free flow activities exploring inside and outside (including adult input tasks in groups or individually)

11.15 whole class phonics session

11.40 lunch in the infant hall

Lunch time play with the whole EYFS in the Nursery space

1.0 Register and settling activity

1.05 Whole class maths input and suggested activity

1.20 Free flow activities exploring inside and outside (including adult input tasks in groups or individually)

2.35 Tidy up time

2.45 Story time and sharing about our day

3.10 Bags ready for home time

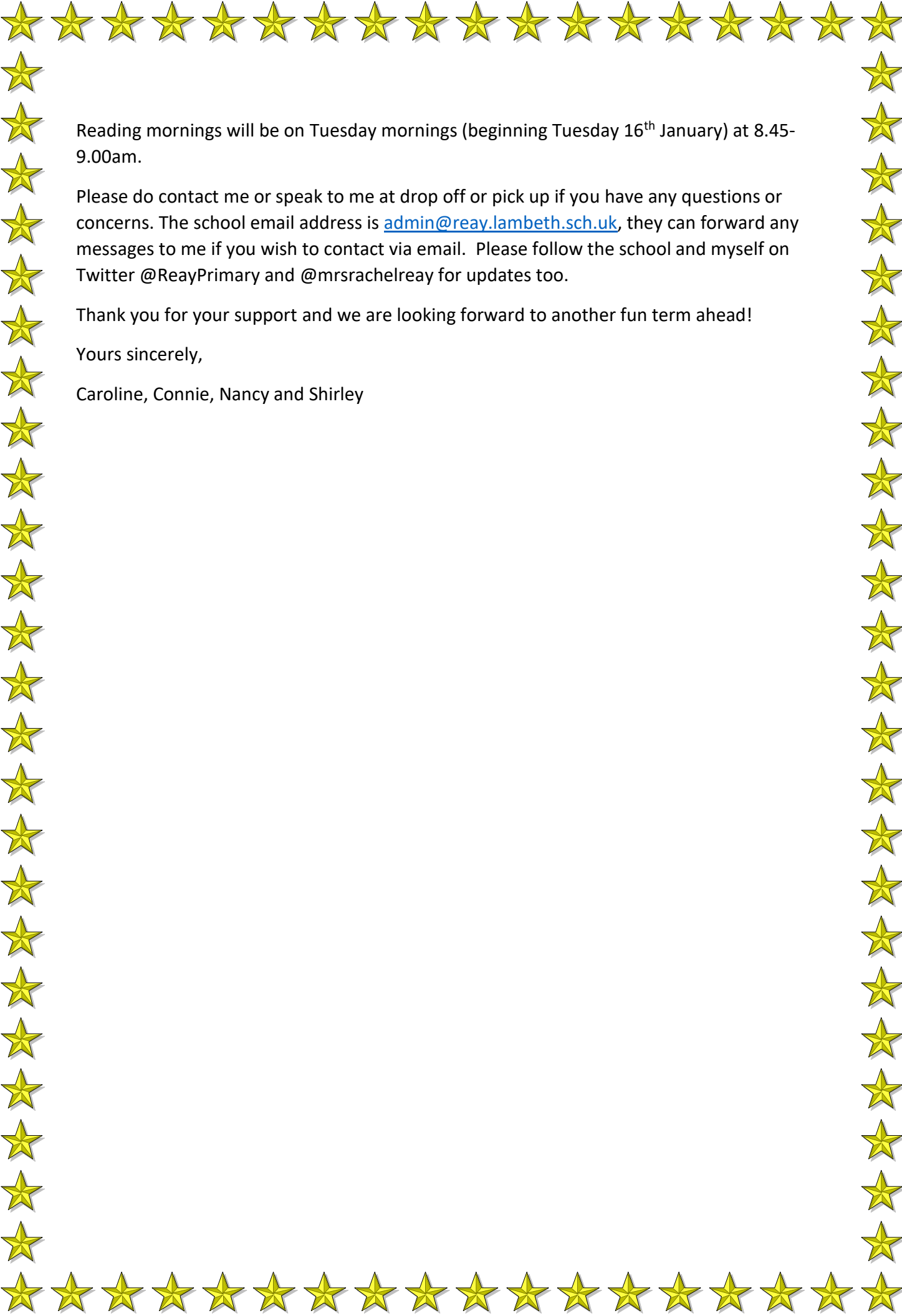
In our daily phonics sessions we are learning phase 3 sounds and carry out reading and writing tasks as part of our learning. Your child has books assigned on their Bug Club account and they also bring home physical books each week.

In maths sessions we will be carrying out White Rose Maths units 'Alive in 5' exploring the numbers 0-5 in a range of ways including problem solving and 'Mass and Capacity'. Children carry out a range of tasks and are provided with activities during free flow play to develop problem solving skills and thinking.

In literacy we will continue to develop the children's skills through a range of writing opportunities based around a text (The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle this term). Children carry out mark making and writing tasks related to the story and are immersed in the story through related role play areas.

P.E lessons are on Thursday mornings. P.E kits can stay on the children's pegs in school and they will change in school. Please make sure all items are labelled with your child's name.

In Reception we record the children's learning and activities through observations and we will share some of these with you via the Evidence Me app. Please also feel free to add observations of your child, such as the first time they demonstrate a new skill, if you wish.



Reading mornings will be on Tuesday mornings (beginning Tuesday 16th January) at 8.45-9.00am.

Please do contact me or speak to me at drop off or pick up if you have any questions or concerns. The school email address is admin@reay.lambeth.sch.uk, they can forward any messages to me if you wish to contact via email. Please follow the school and myself on Twitter @ReayPrimary and @mrsrachelreay for updates too.

Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to another fun term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Caroline, Connie, Nancy and Shirley