



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

YEAR RECEPTION NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Topic:

We will be continuing our topic, DINOSAUR STORM this term as the children are really engaged with it and have some unfinished business with a volcano... We will also continue to learn about the seasons and festivals. This term, these festivals will be Ramadan, Lent, Mothers' Day, World Book Day, Eid and Easter.

Mantle of the Expert:

After discovering various dinosaurs had suffered some terrible injuries, Brodie suggested we set up a field hospital to help them out. We have been discussing how best to move these massive creatures now that we have seen just how big they are at the Natural History Museum. We will let you know how we get on.

World Book Day: Friday 6th March.

Hopefully, you all saw my letter about this in the weekly school newsletter last term but this is just a quick reminder that next Friday 6th March is World Book Day at Reay and your child is invited to come to school dressed as one of their favourite characters from a book. We love it if the costumes are homemade. We will then show their costumes in a parade/assembly to all of EYFS and KS1 and then have a fun day doing reading challenges altogether as well as talking to lots of different children about books and characters and our love of reading. There will also – thanks to the Friends of Reay – be an opportunity to meet a real author – the wonderful Ifeoma Onyefulu – and purchase a signed book from her. More info to follow on this but here is her website for now: <http://www.ifeomaonyefulu.co.uk/>

Please note: There will not be Natural Thinkers on this day as we don't want their wonderful costumes getting muddy.

Reading Morning:

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have been coming to the reading mornings. It is so lovely to see you all reading with your child and others. As you know, we change the day for reading mornings each half term to enable as many parents as possible to attend at some point in the year. **This term, reading mornings will be on a Monday.**

Natural Thinkers is still on a Friday:

Please continue to send your child in with wellies (and waterproofs) for our Natural Thinkers sessions if at all possible each Friday.

Reading Journals and Reading Books:

Please continue to send in your child's Reading Journal and reading book in on their day. If you miss their day, please send them in on a Friday as we will catch up then. Please note that now most children are reading longer books, it is not possible to read the entire book with them each time but we do read as much as we can with every child on a 1:1 basis each week.

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.

Please don't forget to login to the Bug Club site and practise reading on there. Your child's login details are on the inside cover of their Reading Journal. **The school code is: lq7p.** If you have any problems logging in, please do not hesitate to come to ask me. Thank you for all of the hard work I can see is already happening on there.

I have attached some more flashcards which can be cut out and gone through with your child whenever you like – many parents recommend doing them before school each day. They are all the sounds and non-decodable ('tricky') words we have taught so far so your child will hopefully be starting to feel pretty confident saying them. If they aren't or if you are not sure, please do go to our website here and all the information you need is on there. <https://reay.lambeth.sch.uk/our-school/phonics>

Family Maths Journals:

We have loved looking in your Family Maths Learning Journals. Thank you so much. This is just a reminder that I take them in on a Friday and try to ensure your child gets them back the same day.

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.

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.

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. but also PE kit.

P.E:

P.E. is on Tuesdays. We will probably do indoor sessions whilst it is still cold and wet outside but will take advantage of any sunny days if we can.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 5 th March, 5.40pm:	Iftar event at school
Friday 6 th March:	World Book Day
Weds 11 th March, 9.30am:	Reception trip to Tate Library
Sunday 15 th March:	Mothers' Day
Thursday 19 th March:	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 th or Friday 20 th :	Eid
Friday 27 th March:	Final day of term before 2 week break.
Sunday 5 th April:	Easter Day

All the best,

Reception Team