



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

YEAR RECEPTION NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term info:

If you are sending in hats, sunglasses and jumpers/cardigans, please ensure that they are all named so that we can ensure everyone has their belongings at the end of each day. If you would like to send in sun cream, please teach your child to administer it themselves and ask them not to share it with other children.

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 Friday.**

Topic:

Our topic this term will be TURTLE WATCH and will be largely based on the mantle so we shall see where the children take us with their interests and learning. We will no doubt cover a lot of world geography, different creatures which live in the sea, how we can look after our seas and oceans, and perhaps even some sea mythology.

Mantle of the Expert: Turtle Watch!

In Polynesia, one island, Honu is shrouded in mystery and legend as a group of travellers many years ago, were shipwrecked on one of the many reefs in these waters. They were travelling from their island to the next when a hurricane blew in. The rain battered down and the wind tossed the little boat from side to side. Ferocious waves grew higher and higher until the little boat couldn't take any more; first the mast snapped and then with a huge crack, a hole appeared in the ship's side as it smashed into the coral reef below. The travellers held on to whatever part of the boat they could, entering the dangerous waters one by one. Each person thought this was the end – they didn't expect to survive the night. But then, as they clung onto driftwood, they were relieved that the storm seemed to be passing; the waves calmed down and the clouds raced away to cause havoc elsewhere. Exhausted, the travellers looked around at what was left of their boat. Here and there scraps of wood floated on the surface, but most of the boat had sunk to the bottom of the ocean. They were in the middle of the ocean with no boat and no idea of what to do next.

Just then, a large silhouette appeared beneath them. As it got closer, the people recognised a honu - a turtle. It was huge, swimming gracefully up towards them. Rising to the surface, it scooped the travellers onto its back and began to swim in a straight line. Fearful at first, the travellers soon realised that the turtle would do them no harm. On it swam until, to their amazement, some land appeared in the distance. He took them on to the sandy beach where he left them, turned around and swam back out to sea.

Those travellers were the first ones to discover the island. In honour of their rescuer, they named the island 'Honu.'

Years later, turtles are in danger of becoming extinct. The people of Honu Island and those surrounding it are using the eggs to sell and to make things for tourists who are buying them. The coral reefs are full of rubbish which is not being properly disposed of and the sea creatures are dying from ingesting too much plastic thinking it is another form of creature. The turtles in particular are eating plastic bags thinking they are big jelly fish and then starving as they cannot ingest anything else. All the sea creatures need help but have no means of getting it themselves.

This must be a job for TURTLE WATCH...

Natural Thinkers remains 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 though, hopefully, as the weather improves, they won't need them nearly as much.

Reading Journals and Reading Books:

Please see the table below, reminding you which day your child should bring their Reading Journal and reading books to be changed.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aleyna Amari Anna Brodie Charlie Charlotte Dougie Harry	Ilanthe 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. I have attached some more flashcards which can be cut out and gone through with your child each day. They are all the sounds and non-decodable ('tricky') words we your child needs to have learned by the end of Reception and they 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:

This term, I would like to try to make our displays out of junk modelling so we are very grateful for any junk modelling or collage materials you may accumulate over the week particularly milk bottle tops – plastic or metal. 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.

Trips:

We will be going to the Minet Library again this half term – date to be confirmed by library. We are also going to see the London Symphony Orchestra play at the Barbican Centre on Friday 15th May. It is one of their concerts designed specifically for young children and is a ticketed event so if you would like to accompany us, please let me know as soon as possible as numbers are limited.

P.E:

P.E. is on Tuesdays now. We will be having tennis lessons outside on the pitch with a tennis coach followed by a session with The Boury Academy during which we will do performing arts. You can find out more about what they do on their website here: <https://www.thebouryacademy.co.uk/> Please send them in their PE kit on a Tuesday so that we can start on time and give them plenty of time to rest between sessions.

**All the best,
The Reception Team**