



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER – SPRING 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back – we hope you had a lovely break. Thank you so much for our Christmas gifts; it was very kind and generous of you and we so appreciate it.

Topic:

Our topic this term will be DINOSAUR STORM! This is largely due to so many of the children showing a real interest in dinosaurs last term. If any of you, family members or family friends are meteorologists, vets or palaeontologists, please come and tell us about your work. We are a very friendly and keen audience. We will also continue to learn about festivals as part of our Religious Education. This term, these festivals will be Chinese New Year and Vasant Panchami.

Mantle of the Expert:

Hidden from the rest world on a mysterious island a team of expert scientists strive to protect, preserve and study a colony of creatures previously thought long extinct. Working in difficult conditions and constant danger, the scientists' responsibilities are both to the animals themselves and to the ecology of the island which has sustained them for millions of years.

The Worldwide League for Nature (WLN), the island's owners and protectors, are concerned that while the team work they are careful not to damage the island's environment and to work in utter secrecy, keeping the island and its inhabitants away from the world's prying eyes and those who might look to exploit or damage it.

Furthermore, however difficult their mission might seem, it's about to get a whole lot worse as the island's volcano, long thought dormant, begins to show alarming signs of activity...

Trip:

We shall be going to The Natural History Museum on Thursday 12th February to look at the Dinosaurs exhibition there. I will send out a consent letter nearer the time and ask for volunteers to join us. I am awaiting confirmation for our next trip to The Minet library too and will let you know as soon as I do about that but we hope to go on the morning of 28th Jan.

Reading Journals and Reading Books:

Book changing days remain the same for this term. Please see a reminder below:

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. 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 flashcards which can be cut out and gone through with your child whenever you like – many parents recommend doing them before school each day. We have completed Phase 2 now and have already started Phase 3 so ideally, your child will now feel pretty confident reading all of the attached. As requested, I have also attached the first 100 high frequency words (words which come up often in their reading so it's very helpful to just know them by sight).

If you or your child is not confident with sounds, please do go to our website here and all the information you need is on there or login to Bug Club as there is loads of information on there too: <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 now on Tuesdays. We are going to try to do our lessons indoors this half of term so the children don't get too cold.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 15th – Friday 16th Jan: PLP meetings with parents, by invitation only, as before.

Wednesday 28th January, am: Reception trip to Minet Library (TBC).

Thursday 12th February, all day: Reception trip to Natural History Museum.

**All the best,
Reception Team**