



# THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

## YEAR NURSERY NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 1

Welcome to Reay School Nursery!

This week has been amazing. We are delighted at how well your children are settling in to our nursery and how quickly they are learning to find their way around the space, choosing their own activities and our getting used to the routines.

Here at Reay, we believe strongly in educating the whole child. We believe that uninterrupted, child-initiated play is the best way for children to learn. The children in the Nursery are already engaged and busy throughout their sessions here. They are selecting the toys and materials they wish to use and they are learning where to put them back at tidy up time.

Just a few pieces on information for you...

### Toilet training

When children are in nursery they are often so engrossed in their play that they forget to use the toilet. This is expected, but we do ask parents to send in a change of clothes including shoes and socks in case of accidents. If your child is in the early stages of toilet training, we are here to help you but we want you to do as much as you can to support this at home. If you need some tips please come and ask us. We understand that this can be tricky sometimes.

### Clothing

In addition to a change of clothes, please bring a waterproof coat and a pair of wellies, well labelled with your child's name. We want to make the best use of our outdoor space and children need to be able to be outdoors in any weather. Similarly, if it's a very sunny day, please apply sun cream to your child in the morning and then send some in for top ups if your child is here all day (again, labelled with a name please!!)

### Communications

We do not provide detailed written accounts of what your child has done in the day. This simply isn't possible if staff are doing what they need to be doing – facilitating the children's' play and ensuring the provision is of high quality. We will however be making observations of the children. Some of these are done using an iPad app which you are able to access from a device at home. More details of this will come to you after the end of next week. If you have any questions or worries, you can email Jess on [jess.edwards@reay.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:jess.edwards@reay.lambeth.sch.uk) or call the school office. Of course, we are always here at drop off and pick up times if you need to speak to us about anything.

### Stay and Play

If your child is here in the mornings, on a Friday morning, you are invited to come and spend an hour with your child in nursery. The children will all have a "special book" of photographs of themselves. They can sit with you and talk about the photos.

If your child comes in the afternoons, you are invited for an hour on Wednesdays.

We have all had a great first week and are very much looking forward to working with you and your children over the next year!

With warm regards,

Jess, Rachel and Tsimba