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YEAR RECEPTION NEWSLETTER – SPRING 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, Shirley, Kristina and I would like to say a MASSIVE thank you for your kind and generous gifts and cards at the end of last term; what an absolute treat! Thank you. Secondly, I would like to say Happy New Year and introduce Kam who is replacing Kristina while she is on maternity leave. Kam tells us that she loves drama and is very excited about her first, big role in a Mantle of the Expert which is fantastic! If you don't know her already, please do pop in to say hello if you'd like to.

Topic:

This term, we will complete a topic on SPACE and will continue to use Mantle of the Expert in order to explore it. Please do consider taking your child to places of interest e.g. the Science Museum and Greenwich Planetarium. Don't forget to take photos of your child and email them to me with any quotations from them about what they are doing so that they can tell us all about it afterwards. I have attached some more slips which you could fill in with interesting quotations or occurrences with you child which you would like to be included in their book.

Wellies and Waterproofs on Tuesdays:

Our Natural Thinkers day has changed to Tuesdays so please do bring named wellies and waterproofs in a bag in for your child to wear in the garden on Tuesdays. Our wellies and waterproofs are getting a bit old and tatty so if your child grows out of theirs, please do consider donating them to Reception/Nursery for others to use.

Chocolate Chocolate Button and Diary:

Chocolate Chocolate Button has now been home with many children and is having a wonderful time so please keep checking your child's bag on a Friday to see if you are the lucky family. Please don't forget that you can email me the photos and I will print them if that is easier and also if you would like to have her on a specific weekend/holiday, please do let me know and I will try to arrange it.

P.E:

P.E. continues to be on Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child has black shorts, Reay PE t-shirt, socks and plimsolls in their bag every Wednesday. Please ensure these are all named along with their uniforms.

Family Photos:

Please email or send in a photograph of your child with their family for our families display board. It is looking really lovely but we are still missing some of you. If you would rather email them to me, I will happily print them and make frames for them.

2Simple:

You should all have received an email from 2Simple asking you to confirm your email address so that you can receive the observations written on the tablet each half term. Please let me know if you didn't receive one and I will check your email address with you and then re-send it so that you do receive them.

Homework:

We have loved looking in your Family Maths Learning Journals. I take them in on a Tuesday to go through them with the child either one to one or with the class. Please don't worry therefore if your child doesn't come home with it on this day as it sometimes takes longer than expected. If you haven't already, please do have a go at Mathematics as well. The Reading Journals are looking really good too! Please do come to the Phonics Workshops to find out more about what more (if anything) you could be doing to help with phonics and reading at home.

Junk modelling and collage equipment:

Please do continue to bring in junk modelling things.

Trips:

Thank you for coming on our trip last term; it makes all the difference having you there. This term, we shall be going on some more so please do put your name down to come if you can. I realise that it is not always possible but it is brilliant when lots of parents/carers come to share all the fun.

Parent Volunteers:

Please do come in to volunteer to hear children read. It would be 1:1 and can be at any time that suits you. Initially, it is just reading/sharing a book together and chatting about it and then gradually, it would become helping children remember their sounds and their strategies – we would really appreciate any time you can give us on this front.

Let us know how your child is getting on at home:

We would love to hear about all the things your child can do at home and out and about. We are going to start leaving observation sheets out for parents to write on at the beginning/end of each day – please also find some attached. Please also email me notes, quotations and photographs if that's easier. These will then be printed/cut out and stuck into your child's book as a record of things they are able to do at home as well. Things you might write down include:

- A quotation from your child which perhaps surprised or reassured you e.g. Lucy was playing with her dolls when she said, "Look mummy, I have put them in order – this one is the smallest one and this one is the biggest one." She was right!
- A brief description of something they have done that they perhaps couldn't do at the beginning of the year e.g. Lucy now ties her own shoe laces and zips up her jacket by herself every time we leave the house.

Everything is relevant to the EYFS curriculum and will contribute to your child's overall assessment at the end of the year.

Talk to Us:

We have just whizzed through all of the information and would be happy to go through some or all of it with you after school any day. We are in the playground before and after school, greet and say goodbye to your children at the door every day and you are also encouraged to email me and follow us on Twitter so you can see what we have been up to each week. lucy.coates@reay.lambeth.sch.uk @LucyCoatesReay

Dates for your diaries:

Friday 31 st January 2020:	Science Museum Trip to find out how to get people to the International Space Station and keep them safe in this session for Reception and KS1. From recycled water to floating poo, this interactive show gives your pupils the chance to experience different aspects of living and working in space. When a problem hits the Station they'll need to observe, describe, test and select materials and equipment to build a space suit. Filled to the brim with action and adventure, this fast-paced show gives 4- to 7-year-olds a glimpse into the variety of careers in the space industry and gets them excited about human spaceflight.
Tuesday 11 th February 2020:	Reception class trip to Hampton Court Palace – I know that we have finished our castles topic but the children loved this topic so much and they offered us a whole visit, free of charge in return for me giving them more enthusiastic feedback so I couldn't resist.
17 th – 21 st February 2020:	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thursday 26 th March 2020:	Reception Class Assembly at 10.30am
Thursday 2 nd April 2020:	Parents' Evening - you will be able to sign up for a time slot nearer the time.
Friday 10 th July 2020:	Sports Day
Monday 13 th July 2020:	Reports Day – your child will receive their report on this day so please do look out for it in their book bags.
Wednesday 15 th July 2020:	Open Day – a chance to come in and have a look at their books/displays etc. – not obligatory by any means.

All the best,
Lucy Coates, Shirley Mouellef and Kam Nathan