



Reception Newsletter

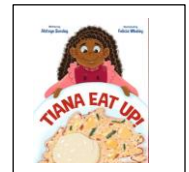
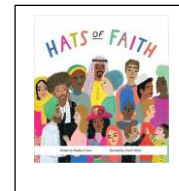
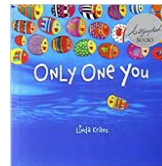
Autumn Term 2021

Dear children and parents

Welcome to Reception! We are looking forward to a great year working with you!

Our theme this half term is "What makes me special?" The children will be introduced to various picture books as a starting point to this theme.

Here are just a few:



Literacy

Phonics
ee ur ow
wh y au



Reading

The teaching focus this term will be on learning single letter phonemes and blending them together to decode regular words. We will be practising these skills as a whole class and in small groups. There will also be a big emphasis on learning tricky/key words such as the, to, I, go, no.

Reading books will be sent home on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please could you make sure you read with your child every night, getting your child to point to each word as you help them read and encouraging them to look at the pictures as a strategy to help with decoding the words. Soon the children should be recognising sounds in their reading books and blending them together to read words.

Writing





Writing will be linked to the theme of "What makes me special?". Planned activities this term will give children opportunities to write some initial sounds in words and have a go at writing some simple CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant).

Mathematic Development



Number

Indoor and outdoor learning will provide a wide range of number resources to help the children count, order and recognize numbers up to 10 and beyond. Please support this learning when you are at home and out and about (for example, when you are shopping.)

<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional</u></p> 	<p>We will be encouraging children to be as independent as possible with dressing and toileting. Please try to get your child to put their shoes on by themselves, zip up/button their coat and be able to take off and put on their jumper.</p> <p>Children will be sharing Information about themselves and their families and thinking about similarities and differences between them and their friends.</p> <p>We will be supporting children in resolving conflicts and using communication to solve problems.</p>
<p><u>Physical development</u></p> 	<p>This term we will be experimenting with different ways of moving and playing group games. We will also be learning how to throw and catch. Formal PE sessions will start in the second part of the Autumn term and will be on Mondays.</p>
<p><u>Understanding the world</u></p> 	<p>As part of the "What makes me special?" topic the children will be thinking about what they look like physically, who is in their family and where they live. They will be thinking about the similarities and differences between themselves and their friends.</p> <p>We will be exploring seasons and looking specifically at what happens in Autumn.</p>
<p><u>Expressive Arts and Design</u></p> 	<p>The children will be creating pictures of themselves, their families and their friends using paint, crayons, fabric and other materials. They will be using recycled materials to make models. They will be taking part in singing and dancing activities.</p>

OTHER INFORMATION

* PE will take place on Mondays (but won't start until Autumn 2). Please could you ensure that the children have the appropriate PE kit ready for bringing In after half term (black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and red tops) in a named bag.

*Please ensure all jumpers and PE kit Items are clearly labelled.

* We welcome any donations of recycled materials for the children to use in junk modelling - plastic bottle lids, empty boxes, toilet and kitchen paper rolls, water bottles, clean yogurt pots etc

* International Day will be taking place on 15th October. We hope to see you then!

*We would welcome any parents who would be Interested In volunteering In school. This could be supporting with reading or taking small groups of children to do activities such as art and craft, gardening, cooking etc Please see Mrs Glen If you would like to volunteer.

* We are planning at trip to Peckham Rye Park after half term to look at the Autumn changes. It would be great to have as many parents as possible coming along!!