

# Reception Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school - we hope that you have all had a lovely break, and that your child is back and ready to learn. Well done those of you who have looked after your bean plants and your seed heads and brought them back to show us! They were amazing!

This term, the Reception Team is:

**Ms Bibby** - class teacher

**Miss Laraine** - LSA

**Miss Ellie** - TA, and we also have **Miss Amevi** working with us on a Tuesday.

Please note, one of the team will always be around at the start (08:20am), and end (2:40pm) of the day, in case you have any questions or concerns, but please, please - do make sure that you come into school via the proper entrance in Clyde Street - **not via the nursery gate which opens 5 minutes earlier!** Thank you!

## What we will be learning this term

This term our topics are 'Minibeasts' and 'Under the Sea'. We have 2 exciting visits planned before half term - one to go on a minibeast hunt, and the other to go pond dipping. We also have 'Zoo Lab' coming in and bringing an exciting range of minibeasts so we can learn all about these fascinating creatures.



In addition to learning through play and independent exploration, in both the inside and outside learning spaces, the children will be focusing on identifying one more and one less than any given number up to 20, as well as adding and subtracting 2 numbers together.

In phonics, we are continuing to learn our sounds and blend these across from left to right, to read words for ourselves. If your child still finds this difficult, Ms Bibby runs a Family phonics session on Thursday after school, or on Friday at 2:00pm. Please ask if you are interested in joining us!

Home learning Your support at home is **extremely important** so a big thank you to all you parents who have been logging on to Bug Club and reading regularly with your child. It makes a huge difference to the speed at which they learn to read. Reminder of log in details are attached.

We have also started to give children some of the common words to practise reading and writing at home, and then the children try to write them from memory on a Friday.

Another great website to support spoken language, reading writing and spelling is Lexia - use the attached details to log in, and when it asks for the teacher's email - use [lexia.209@lgflmail.org](mailto:lexia.209@lgflmail.org)



## Family reading / Library

We are now back to normal, so please join us from 08:30 to 09:00 on Fridays where you can share a book with your child in class. We also visit the library every other Thursday so do come along and join us!

P.E. is on Thursday mornings, so children should come into school in their P.E. kit on these days (**white T shirt and black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms**). After PE, they get changed into their uniform. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child's name, and that they are wearing shoes that they can get on and off themselves!

Attendance and punctuality Children need to be in school every day and on time, ready to learn. **They also need to be picked up promptly at 2:40pm so that staff can focus on preparing for the next day. Please make sure that you are on time!** If you are late collecting your child, you will be asked to sign the late book and asked to pay a £5 late collection fee.

If someone other than yourself is going to pick up your child, please let the class teacher or the office know beforehand. **If staff do not recognise the adult picking the child up, they will not be able to allow them to collect them.**

## Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** - Visit to Horniman Museum - butterfly house and minibeast hunt

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday**

- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - 'Zoo Lab' are bringing minibeasts to our school
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Visit to Wildlife garden - pond dipping

### **HALF TERM Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018.**

- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Reception class assembly
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - EYFS Sports Day
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - EYFS Teddy Bear's Picnic
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer Fayre
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of Term

## NO PHONES

Don't forget, the use of mobile phones is not allowed on school premises.

Please work with us and respect this procedure. It is for the safety of our children.

