

Reception News



26th April 2019

Dear Family,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely holiday!

This week in reception the children have been very busy practising writing sentences to tell their friends their Easter holiday news!

We also planted sunflower seeds, runner beans, potatoes and other vegetables in class and in our garden this week!

Animal Life-Cycles



For our new topic we are looking forward to the arrival of egg and duckling incubators at school on Tuesday 30th April so that we can explore the life-cycle of chickens and ducks!

We will also explore the life-cycle of a butterfly!

We have also planned a trip to Stepney City Farm on Thursday 2nd May to see mother and baby animals and to explore their fruit and vegetable gardens.

And we are very excited about our visit from the 'Zoolab' company in school on the Tuesday 14th May; we will meet many mini-beasts including millipedes and frogs!

Life cycle homework Project



Our new Homework project is 'The life-cycle of a _____'. The children can research the life-cycle of their favourite animal or plant. They can include pictures, drawings, writing and a model if they wish.

This project is optional but it is a good opportunity to work alongside your child and have fun creating a project!

Please hand in projects on Monday 20th May. We look forward to sharing their life-cycle projects in school!

Please take a look at our blog on the school website to see photos of our busy week:
<http://www.olsj.towerhamlets.sch.uk/blogs/reception/>

Maths:

In Maths this week we have been recapping order numbers to 20 and beyond and ordering missing numbers. The children have enjoyed playing a range of games finding one more/one less than a

given number. The children have also practised writing numbers, and trying to form them correctly. We have also practised counting in groups of 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's on the 100 square.

Literacy:

This week the children have been reading the Big Book 'Farmer Duck.'

In phonics, we have been practising the sounds we have learned so far. The children have enjoyed writing a range of words using different digraphs and trigraphs.

We are encouraging the children to begin reading phase 2 & 3 words by sight, when they do they will receive a certificate in school assembly!

The children are doing very well at reading simple sentences. Please encourage your child to practise reading these captions at home and answer the questions. Thank you.

Can a clock get cross?

Can crabs clap hands?

Are you fond of plums?

Did a shark ever jump up a tree?

Phase 3 Words: to practise reading automatically

will	that	this	her
then	them	with	my
see	for	now	are
down	look	too	you
he	she	we	they
me	be	was	all

Phase 4 Words to practise reading:

went	it's	from	children
just	help	said	have
like	so	do	some
come	were	little	one
when	out	what	

Phase 5 words to practise reading and writing at home

don't	house	came	put	oh
old	about	make	their	people
I'm	your	here	Mr	called
by	day	saw	Mrs	asked
time	made	very	looked	could

Summer term Parent workshops

To support your child's learning at home with Maths and Literacy we will be holding workshops

The workshops will run from 3:30 - 4:15pm and your child will be supervised in the nursery by staff so that you can attend the workshops...

Monday 29th April: Reception Maths workshop

Monday 13th May: Reception Phonics, Reading & writing workshop

We look forward to seeing you at the workshops! Please speak to us if you have any questions regarding the workshops.

Morning Reading club



You are welcome to come into school on **Tuesday and Friday mornings** in the summer term to read with your child.

Mrs McGhie will also be with you to support you with any questions you may have about your child's phonics and reading skills.

The sessions will run from 8.20 - 8.45am. Please come to the school office at 8.20am.

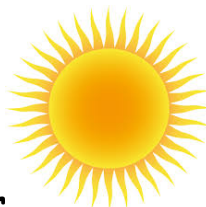
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Weekly Homework

As we are now in the Summer Term we feel that the children are ready to begin completing some phonics, writing and maths homework every week to prepare them for the weekly homework they will receive in Year 1.

This week we are sending home phase 2 words for your child to practise spelling and writing at home. We are also sending home a number game for your child to practise matching numbers and objects when counting in 2's.

Please send it back into school next week so we can share it. Thank you!



Warm Weather

As the weather is hopefully set to get warmer this term, please ensure your child brings in their water bottle, a hat/cap, and sun cream every day to school.

Please make sure that their hat and sun cream has their name on. Thank you!

Reminders

- **Tuesday 30th April - Duck incubator arriving from the farm**
- **Thursday 2nd May - Reception class visits to Stepney City Farm: morning and afternoon visits.**
- **Tuesday 14th May - Zoolab mini-beasts visit in school**
- **Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - May half-term: school closed**
- **Monday 3rd June - School starts for the summer 2 term**
- **Friday 7th June - Reception Samuel class assembly at 9:05am - parent welcome to attend in the school hall**

- **Friday 14th June** - Reception Ruth class assembly at 9:05am - parent welcome to attend in the school hall
- **Friday 28th June** - Reception trip to Chalkwell beach. More information to follow, please sign up on our class posters if you can come as a parent helper for the day.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,

The Reception Team