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Class newsletter Summer Term 2018

Reception

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Welcome back. We hope you have had a restful break and are ready for the Summer term. Our school topic this term is **History of Hackney**. In Reception we will be learning about different parts of Hackney as well as famous buildings around the local area. These will include different homes, religious buildings and monuments. Children will investigate and explore Hackney in the past and compare this with what Hackney looks like today.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are learning to be sensitive towards others needs and feelings. We will build on the positive relationships that we have made.

We will also be looking at how various mindfulness techniques and activities can help develop our own positivity, happiness and learning.

Literacy, Communication and Language

We are learning to be more aware of our sentence structure this term, making sure that we always use and include finger spaces, capital letters and full stops when writing meaningful sentences. To extend our vocabulary about Hackney, we will be reading information books, stories, songs and poems on this topic. We will also be developing our use of vocabulary and language through role play such as character hot seating and retellings of traditional stories. In phonics we will continue to learn new sounds, including digraphs for example 'ai' as in 'rain', and how to use them in both our reading and writing.

Mathematics

We are learning to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction through problem solving games and activities. We will also be learning about halving and doubling of amounts and numbers. In relation to shapes, we will be looking closely at the different 2D and 3D shapes that we can see in buildings around us and will be creating our own models with various shaped construction materials. We will also learn to describe objects through the language of measuring, describing how tall/short or heavy/light they are using various measuring tools such as rulers, meter sticks and weighing scales.





Understanding the World

We are learning to explore and find out about the world around us and to ask questions about it. We will find out about various different buildings such as Victorian and Georgian houses, looking closely at the Ridley Road Market as well as Broadway Market.

Religious Education (RE)

We are learning about cultural and religious differences in religions such as Hinduism, Christianity, Islam and Judaism through the different types of buildings around Hackney related to each faith. We will be looking closely at the similarities and differences of each building through their shapes and decorations, as well as the typical customs and practices that take place inside.



Physical Education (PE)

We are learning to develop our strength, balance and control through our ability to climb various structures such as climbing walls and narrow benches both in the indoor and outdoor environments. We will also discuss the skill of negotiating how to safely climb such structures and the skills needed to do so. We will continue to develop our understanding of how to hold a pencil effectively to help us form recognisable letters and numbers that most of which are correctly formed.

Expressive Art and Design

We are learning to explore and investigate different natural and made materials. Using them to create various artwork pieces related to our topic. We will be looking closely at textures and colours of different materials and discussing which can be best used to compliment our desired outcomes of art work.

We are learning new songs and making music using percussion instruments and listening to various music from around the world.

We will use role play to create real and imaginary situations. Our role play areas will be Jack and the Beanstalk, Rio Cinema and Ridley Road Market.

Reminders

Show and tell

Show and tell will continue to happen every **Monday**. Please be aware that things that are brought in on other days may not be shown to the class due to the structure of the rest of the week.

Uniform:

Please can you make sure that your child is wearing the full required uniform, in particular that they are wearing black shoes, and that each item is labelled. Uniform can be purchased from the school website.

PE:

We will have **P.E.** on **Tuesday**. Please make sure your child has appropriate P.E. kit (jogging bottoms, t-shirt and suitable footwear). Please could you make sure that **all** of your child's uniform and P.E. kit are labelled and they have a spare set of clothing in school including underwear.

Homework:

Homework will be set every **Thursday** and is to be returned the following Tuesday. Please support and encourage your child with their work, as this is an opportunity to make links with learning taking place at school with home.

Reading:

Reading books will go out every **Wednesday** and returned the following **Tuesday**. This is now a reading book that relates to the level they are reading in class. Please encourage your child to use their phonic and high frequency word understanding to help them read.

Big Read is every **Wednesday** from 9.00-9:30.

Junk modelling:

Materials for junk modelling will be greatly appreciated.

As always many thanks for your continued support in Reception.