



Autumn 1 Newsletter



NORTHSIDE Reception Middlesex University

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a fantastic summer break and are ready for the new term. Please see below the learning and areas we will be developing this half term.

Key dates:

Friday 23rd October: INSET Day- school closed

Communication and Language	We will be: • understanding how to listen carefully and why listening is important • developing social phrases • listening to and talking about stories to build familiarity and understanding • listening carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound • learning new vocabulary
Personal Social Emotional Development	We will be focusing on: • seeing themselves as a valuable individual • building constructive and respectful relationships • expressing their feelings and considering the feelings of others • managing their own needs in relation to hygiene <i>Please encourage your child to get dressed daily on their own as well as putting their coat on and doing their zip.</i>
Physical Development 	We will: • develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons • further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully: - lining up and queuing – mealtimes • further develop a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking and passing • use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor <i>Please encourage your child to use cutlery when eating food at home with independence.</i>
Literacy 	Alongside the children's' interests, we will be using the following books to enhance their learning: • Owl Babies • Amazing Riley • Funny Bones We will also: • practise name writing • read individual letters by saying the sounds for them • blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences • form lower-case and capital letters correctly • develop their vocabulary based on the stories we read

Mathematics 	We will; • recite numbers past 5. • say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5... • know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total (cardinal principle) • count objects, actions and sounds • explore the composition of numbers to 10 Key Words: <i>number, amount, count, value, altogether, numbers 1-10, represent, numicon, cubes</i>
Understanding the World 	We will; • talk about members of their immediate family and community • name and describe people who are familiar to them • explore the natural world around them • describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Key Words: <i>mum, dad, brother... family, community, love, belonging, autumn, season, weather, tree, leaves, wet, dry</i>
Expressive Art and Design 	We will; • learn to safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques; experimenting with colour and texture • share their creations, explaining the process they have used • watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses

Here are some ways that you can help your child at home:

- Complete the weekly phonics homework sent home in the yellow sound books.
- Ensure P.E kits are worn to school on your child's P.E day. **P.E days are on a Tuesday.**
- Read with your child every day, not only to improve their word reading and comprehension skills but to develop a love of books. **A note about how your child reads must be written in the reading record daily. This is monitored.**
- Do handwriting practise weekly.
- Use the Phonics Play website where the children can play games to strengthen their phonic knowledge: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- Get the 'White Rose one-minute maths' app (this is free) to support and strengthen your child's maths skills.
- Encourage your child to count everyday objects and highlight to them 'real life maths' such as numbers on a front door, counting in a supermarket, sharing food...
- Talk to your child about their day at school.

Note/Reminders:

- Please remember to send your child in the correct uniform and dressed suitably for the weather. Remember to label these with your child's name.
- Your child needs to bring a water bottle everyday with their name on it.
- The early years team are always in need of flour, rice, pasta, oil, lentils (pulses). We would be grateful for any donations. Thank you.

Thank you for your support.

The Reception Team

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