



## Reception Parent Information for the Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Important Information

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October the school will be taking part in 'Wear Red Day' which is promoted and organised by 'Show Racism the Red Card'. The children are asked to continue to wear their school uniform but are permitted to wear an item of red within it.

### Reading with your child.

Please ensure that your child reads their reading books every day and that you sign the reading record so that we can change the books every Monday. Please encourage your child to talk about the pictures in the books and if they are not confident with blending yet, to try and say the sounds they recognize in the words. Please also ensure that reading books and reading records are placed in the maroon bags and brought to school every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Phonics



Each week the children will be learning two new sounds using Floppy Phonics. They will learn the names of the letters and the sounds they make when we read them. They will also practice recognising them in words and writing them in their phonics sheets.

We have already learnt about the sounds 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n', 'm', 'd', 'g' and 'o'. Next week will be 'c' and 'k'.

### Literacy



In Literacy, we are focusing on the story '**The Gingerbread Man**'. This week we are going to learn the story. We will add actions to help the children retell the story.



### Maths

In maths, children will explore different representations of 1, 2 and 3. The focus is on finding the representations rather than making them at this point. We will start by ensuring children can confidently say the number names 'one', 'two' and 'three' out loud. Once they can do this, they will match the verbal number names to numerals and quantities. Children will be encouraged to count to three using objects in different arrangements by touching each object as they count. They should recognise that the final number they say is the quantity in that set.



### RE

Our topic in RE is Covenant and Creation. In this topic, we will learn the story of creation and how God made our world. Next week we will talk about how we should look after ourselves and each other. We will also share the story of the colour monster. We will encourage children to explore different emotions and naming how they feel.

## Reading Books



Your child will be given new reading books every Monday. These books are designed to help your child with new vocabulary and to build their comprehension skills. **Remember to read with your child every day and sign the reading record.** Even if the books don't have words, encourage your child to describe what they can see in the pictures using full sentences (i.e., I can see a dog splashing in the pond). Demonstrate to your child how to describe the pictures and also encourage them to use their imagination to tell you what they think they would hear or smell if they were in the picture.

## School Uniform



Winter uniform is to be worn every day including ties (we understand the clips can be a little tricky so adding elastic has proved helpful for many). Please make sure your child has a coat appropriate for the weather conditions.

Please send your child to school with their **maroon** book bag **every day with their reading book and reading record book inside.**

**Black** book bags only come to school on a **Monday**, and this is used to take home a **library book.**

Remember to send your child with a water bottle every day.

Most importantly, **PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING.**

Please also bring in a labelled pair of wellie boots if you have not done so already.

## Loose parts

We are still on the hunt for any loose parts that you have to offer.

Here are some of the items we are collecting:

- Conkers
- Pinecones
- Corks
- Fabrics
- Wood
- Buttons
- Pebbles
- Lollipop sticks
- Shells

**Thank you so much to the people who have already brought some bits in.**

We will endeavour to answer any questions at the end of a school day but it can be quite rushed as we have so many children and parents. Please use the following email to contact your class teacher if you have any questions or queries:

[reception@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:reception@olopprimary.co.uk)



We hope you have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Arampatzi and Miss Chapman