



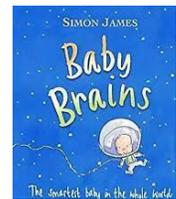
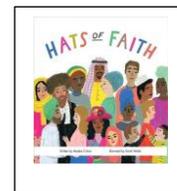
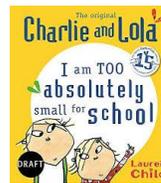
Reception Newsletter

Dear children and parents

Welcome to Reception! We are looking forward to a great year working with you!

Our theme this half term is "What's Special about me?". The children will be introduced to various picture books as a starting point to this theme.

Here are just a few:



Literacy

Phonics
ee ur ow
wh y au



Reading

The teaching focus this term will be on learning single letter phonemes and blending them together to decode regular words. We will be practising these skills as a whole class and in small groups. There will also be a big emphasis on learning tricky/key words such as the, to, I, go, no.

Reading books will be sent home and will be changed every other day. Please could you make sure you read with your child every night, getting your child point to each word as you help them read and encouraging them to look at the pictures as a strategy to help with decoding the words. Soon the children should be recognising sounds in their reading books and blending them together to read words.

Writing

Writing will be linked to the theme of "What's Special about me?". Planned activities this term will give children opportunities to write some initial sounds in words and have a go at writing some simple CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant).

Mathematic Development

Number

Indoor and outdoor learning will provide a wide range of number resources to help the children count, recognise and order numbers up to 20 and beyond. Please support this learning when you are at home and out and about (for example, when you are shopping.)

	<p>Shape, space and measure</p> <p>Children will be exploring patterns and shapes and making comparisons. They will be comparing objects in terms of size, height and length. You can help by encouraging your child to see patterns in the natural environment - in nature and on buildings. You can also make repeating patterns using objects inside or outside (for example using sticks, leaves and flowers).</p>
<p><u>Physical development</u></p> 	<p>This term we will be experimenting with different ways of moving. We will also be learning how to throw and catch. PE sessions are on Thursdays.</p> <p>We will be encouraging children to be as independent as possible with dressing and toileting. Please try to get your child to put their shoes on by themselves, zip up/button their coat and be able to take off and put on their jumper.</p>
<p><u>Understanding the world</u></p> 	<p>As part of the "What's Special about me?" topic the children will be thinking about what they look like physically, who is in their family and where they live. They will be thinking about the similarities and differences between themselves and their friends.</p> <p>We will be exploring seasons and looking specifically at what happens in Autumn.</p>
<p><u>Expressive Arts and Design</u></p> 	<p>The children will be creating pictures of themselves and their friends using paint, crayons, fabric and other materials. They will be using recycled materials to make models. They will be taking part in singing and dancing activities.</p>

OTHER INFORMATION

- * PE will take place on Thursdays. Please could the children bring in their PE kits (black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and red tops) in a named bag.
- * We welcome any donations of recycled materials for the children to use in junk modelling - plastic bottle lids, empty boxes, toilet and kitchen paper rolls, water bottles, clean yogurt pots etc
- * Every week 6 different children will be our focus children. This means we will be closely observing those children looking at their learning and how they are using their learning in play. We will be sending a note home for you to record anything you have noticed about your child's learning and we would also like to hear about any outing or interesting event they may have gone to (eg circus, funfair, birthday celebration).
- * We are taking part in a project that is researching how children begin Reception. The children will be involved in various activities as part of this project.
- * We are setting up Forest school parent and child outings. The first trip will be to Peckham Rye Park on Friday 11th October. It would be great to have as many parents as possible coming along!!