



## Reception Summer 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! We loved being back together for the end of Spring term and cannot wait to get stuck into lots of new and exciting learning opportunities as we head into the Summer!

We started this year by focusing on our lives and our community, sharing our stories and experiences with our new friends. We have expanded this point of view throughout the year, and as we head into the final term our topics will focus on the wider world. This focus will continue to develop our understanding of different places, people, cultures, careers, and world events. We will do this by exploring topics such as, 'People Who Help Us', 'International Week', 'Space', 'Transport' and more! Together we will use these topics to journey, time travel and adventure – thinking about how the world has changed, and how it can continue to keep on changing.

To consider these big ideas, children will regularly be encouraged to use their discussion and questioning skills to explore new concepts and vocabulary. We want to continue concentrating on turn taking, confidence building and speaking up. With this in mind, we encourage parents to upload any home learning/linked experience outside of school to Tapestry, so that children have the opportunity to share this with their peers. We cannot wait to hear all of their insightful and imaginative ideas!

### **Reading and Writing**

This term we will continue to consolidate both Set 1&2 sounds using our Read, Write Inc. programme. We will be focusing on the application of this phonological knowledge to independent writing. Children will have lots of opportunities to write outside of our phonics sessions, from recipe writing to creating our own pirate maps. We continue to encourage children to try to independently segment the sounds in their chosen words, refer to their learnt digraphs and to read back what they have written. We love writing that is born from children's interests or activities they have found inspiration in – we would love it if you shared any moments like this that occur at home too! Children have also been working really well to develop their knowledge of short un-decodable words, known as red/tricky words. We continue to work on this development, as many of these red words are appearing more frequently in their reading books.

We will continue to change these reading books on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays** this term, on the condition that an adult at home has read and signed the reading record. It is essential that children continue to use this book to read every day – this will help them to develop their confidence and understanding as readers.

### **PE and Garden Days**

As we were not all able to be in school during the previous term, many of the exciting previously planned physical activities have been moved forward into the summer term!

Children will continue to participate in their progressive sports sessions (PE) this term, concentrating on speed, agility and travelling! Please note that their PE day has **changed** and will now take place on **Thursdays**. Children can continue to come to school in their kits on this day.

As mentioned last term, children will also have the opportunity to practise their bike riding skills! During April, children will participate in the 'bikeability' course, where they will have time to practise every day for a week! The classes will mix up (between Lace and Poplin) for their week, but the course will take place from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of April** until **Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April**. Children will not need to bring their own bikes for this, as they will be provided. In order for your children to participate, you will need to have completed their permission slip. If you have any questions about this or have not yet completed the form, please do contact us via Class Dojo.

We will continue to use our wonderful garden space at Copleston Road. The children will visit once a week, Lace Class on **Monday** morning and Poplin class on a **Friday** morning. On these days, please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor footwear and a waterproof jacket. If coming into school in their wellington boots, it would be great if children keep a change of school shoes in their book bag, to change back into on our return (The classroom can get very muddy otherwise!)

### **Reminders**

- It is vital that you let the school know if you are unable to collect your child from school. You can do this by speaking to the class teacher, phone or email to inform us of who will be collecting your child.
- Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day along with their reading book and reading record book.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE Kits are **clearly labelled** with your child's name. We are very much trying to build 'Little Londoners' with all children this year, meaning children should be taking further responsibility for their own things. This means ensuring they take care of their own cardigans/jumpers/hoodies at school and carrying their own bags on the walk in!
- Please remember that staff are always available to answer questions, with ClassDojo being the best way to contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Miss Hogg and Ms Chan