



Welcome to Reception

Mrs Revill/Mrs Wyatt/Mrs Johnson

January – February 2024



We hope that you all had a restful and happy break. We are very excited to start a new term with the children; they always work so hard! They have made us so proud with the way that they have settled straight back into our school routines.



This half term we are looking at the story of Stick Man. In the story, Stick Man travels far and wide and sees many different places whilst trying to get back to his family tree. We will be thinking about people who can help us, and people who could have helped Stick Man such as Doctors, Police and Fire fighters.



As Stick Man travels to get back to the family tree, we will be comparing different places around the world such as Antarctica and the UK, looking at what the weather is like and what animals might live there.

Reading & Phonics:

Read with
Fred

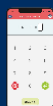


This term, the children continue to follow the Read, Write, Inc scheme. As well as learning new sounds, they will recap the sounds they have already learnt to become confident when blending them together to read words.

This term we will be learning about story characters and settings from Stick Man by Julia Donaldson. This will then lead into our non-fiction topic about Antarctica where we will learn lots of facts and information about Emperor penguins. We will be using the skills we have learnt in phonics to listen for sounds in words and to write labels, captions and short sentences.

Maths:

In maths we will continue to focus on numbers to 5. The children become more confident to explore how each number is made up of smaller numbers. Using songs and games, we will learn about the importance of zero. We will be continuing to develop our subitising skills, at Little London we follow a scheme of work called 'White Rose Maths'. White Rose Maths have developed a game that can be played on devices to support the subitising skills called '1 minute maths app'. You can find the 1-minute maths app that is free to download for teachers, parents and pupils here – <https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths#download>



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At Little London we use Tapestry and Class Dojo to share your child's learning with you. We post some helpful videos and messages that will support your child with their learning at home. Don't forget to 'like' the posts we share with you to help us see you have read it!

Please can we remind you to log into these apps regularly to keep up to date with what your child is doing at school. If you need any support doing this, please speak to your class teacher

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to talk to us at the end of the day or get in touch by phone or email.

Many thanks,

The Reception Team

Important Dates:

School finishes for the half term (One week) holiday on Friday 9th February.



You can help by:

Reading with them each day, as well as asking questions about the book

Talking with them as you walk to and from school and visit places.

Looking at Tapestry and Class Dojo regularly, as we will be sharing what we have been learning in class and how you can help at home.

Whilst the weather is cold and wet at the moment the children need to keep warm and dry, we will always help your child to fasten their coats if they need it. However, it would be a big help if you could help them to practise this skill at home.

How to support your child with zips-

<https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/media/268506/zips-information-sheet.pdf>

