



Charlton Kings Infants' School

'The wings to fly, the confidence to try'



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Dear Families,

Our main whole school theme for the Spring term is 'Planet Earth's Great Lands'. In Reception, we will be looking at hot and cold lands with a key question of 'Where in the world am I?'. The topic will be based around contrasting global locations (e.g. the Arctic, Antarctic, jungles and deserts). We are following the children's lines of enquiry alongside our core plans for learning and are excited to see which direction our big question will lead us. During the term, each reception class will have the opportunity to find out about and meet some creatures that live in the jungle during an interactive 'Eco Encounters' workshop, more details to follow.

In Literacy this term, the children will continue to learn the digraphs (two letters that make one sound, e.g. sh/ch/qu). They will be focusing on letter formation and reading/writing simple regular words in sentences e.g. cat, pit, sun. For those children who are already able to read and write these simple words, we will be teaching them to use their phonic knowledge to attempt to read and write more complex words. We will also be looking at rhyming words and continuing to read and write some 'tricky' words each week (words that cannot be sounded out). These 'tricky' words will be sent home on green card for you to practise with your child.

In Mathematics, we will be continuing to explore numbers and the number system and develop our calculation skills by comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting. We will be learning to explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally. We will explore weight, capacity, time and money. We will also continue to work on recognition and formation of the teen numbers. We shall deepen our understanding of recording our answers and learn to write number sentences to go alongside our practical addition and subtraction.

Home learning and reading

We are so pleased with the progress our children are making with their reading and we would like to thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home. The phonics folder is key in consolidating phonics learning in class, so please regularly look back through these with your child. We would also like to remind you about the importance of **daily** reading. Please record each time you read in your child's yellow diary. Studies show that children who are 'read to' using texts beyond their own reading capability make accelerated progress, so please do not forget the value of bedtime stories/shared story time *on a daily basis*. From this term, we will be celebrating our weekly reading champion (those children who have read regularly at home each week and are making accelerated progress) in each class with Mrs James during our Friday family assembly.





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Please do also remember that your child has access to 'Numbots' which is an engaging and enjoyable way for your child/ren to practise and reinforce their quick recall of number facts. We will also be celebrating our weekly class Numbots Conquerors (the class with the most children who have accessed and completed numbots challenges each week) during our Friday family assembly.

Dates for your diary

To recognise the importance of and celebration of reading across the school, we have planned the following exciting events this term:

- **Wednesday 15th February** - Family open afternoon (2-3pm) or
- **Thursday 16th February** - Family open morning (9-10am) – '*We love Reading*' – come into school to engage in reading activities with your child/ren and learn about how your child is learning to read and how you can effectively support their reading journey at home.
- **Thursday 2nd March** - World Book Day – more details to follow
- **Friday 3rd March** (2.15-3pm) - Bring your grandparent/s or a special adult to school for a shared reading afternoon

Other events this term include:

- **Wednesday 8th or Thursday 9th March** (3.30-6.30pm) – Parents/carers evenings
- **Wednesday 29th March** (3-4pm) – '*Wednesday wander*' – a time to look around your child's classroom and share/celebrate their learning together.

Please continue to check the school calendar for additional key dates and visit our Reception page at: <https://www.ckis.org.uk/page/?title=Reception&pid=252>

We would like to wish you and your families a Happy New Year and thank you for your support during 2022, we look forward to working with you in 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Pergusey
(Blue Class & Year Group Lead)

E. Neate
Anna Price & Elaine Neate
(PPA Cover)

Nicola Jones
(Yellow Class)

Hannah Rowe
(Red Class)

