



Charlton Kings Infants' School

'The wings to fly, the confidence to try'



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Dear Reception Families,

Our main whole school theme for the Summer term is 'Let's Explore. In Reception, our learning this term will be based on the question 'How are we all different?' We will be learning about mapping and storytelling through a range of magical lands and themes, such as pirates and traditional tales. We will follow the children's interests and we are excited to work with the children to see which direction our big question will lead us.

We will learn about the features in our local area, about our likes and dislikes of different environments, and about routes and maps. During this term, we will go on a pirate-themed adventure walk to explore the locality - further details to follow.

This term, in Literacy, we will be writing for different purposes such as a postcard based on the adventures of 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. Within our phonics work, we will be consolidating our phonic skills and learn the remaining digraphs, ensuring correct letter formation, as well as continuing to read and write the reception 'tricky words'. We will be aiming to develop more independence in sentence writing including using capitals, full stops and finger spaces consistently.

As a reading school, we are committed to ensuring all children develop as fluent and engaged readers. We want to continue to support you as we work together to develop a lifelong love of reading for your child. A crucial part of developing this passion is regular practice at home. Our home learning policy asks that children are heard read every weeknight. Please do remember to record each time you read together in your child's yellow diary. This can be any reading experience at home, we love hearing about the other books you have been reading! Class teachers will make contact with you to explore how we can support you in achieving regular reading practice at home if children are not heard regularly. We understand that every family is different and will have different routines for reading at home. If you are finding this hard, please do let your child's class teacher know and we can then work together creatively towards our shared reading goals. Equally, if you have suggestions for what works with your child, please share them through 'SeeSaw'. Any suggestions, however small they may seem, could help support someone seeking answers to their own reading challenges.

In Mathematics, we will consolidate our counting skills, counting to larger numbers and develop a wider range of counting strategies to count sets of objects as well as actions





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and sounds. We will explore a range of representations of numbers, including on 10-frames and consolidate knowledge of doubles, 1 more and 1 less than and recognise when a set can be 'subitised' or when counting is necessary. We will also continue to develop understanding and knowledge of 3D shapes, length, position, pattern, weight and time.

In PE this term we will be able to take some of our lessons outside due to the warmer weather. Please ensure that your child comes into school in appropriate PE kit on the day they have their main PE session on Thursdays.

As the weather gets warmer, your child will need a named sun hat/cap in school to wear outside. Please also ensure your child has a named lightweight raincoat with them each day just in case of showers. When the weather is particularly hot, please apply sun cream each morning before school. We also ask that socks are worn with open-toe sandals for safety in the busy playground. Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school, which they will be able to access throughout the school day. It is also helpful if all fruit snacks are named, especially whole fruit that is not in a container, so it is easily identifiable.

We have a busy term ahead full of fun and exciting learning opportunities, some of which you'll be invited to come and watch and some of which we'll need your help! Please look out for future messages regarding when we shall need parent volunteers.

Key dates

Please do refer to our school newsletters and the website for a full list of important dates for the term ahead. Here are some key dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 8th May 9.00am – Red Class Assembly
- Wednesday 15th May 9.00am - Yellow Class Assembly
- Wednesday 22nd May 9.00am - Blue Class Assembly
- Wednesday 19th June – Class Photos
- Thursday 20th June – Preschool sports morning (**please come in PE kits**)
- Friday 21st June – Olympic carnival day (more details to follow!)
- Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th June – Parents' Evening (Red & Yellow)
- Tuesday 25th June and Wednesday 26th June – Parents' Evening (Blue)
- Wednesday 3rd July – Transition Day and Wednesday wander after school
- Tuesday 4th July – EYFS Sports afternoon at CKJS (reserve date – Thursday 11th July) (**please come in PE kits**)
- Saturday 13th July – PFA Summer Fete





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Progress Reports

We look forward to sharing your child's progress and attainment with you when their written reports are issued in July. Until then, if you have any queries regarding your child's development or the school day, please do speak to us as soon as any queries arise.

Yours sincerely,
The Reception Team

Yours sincerely,

Emily Pergusey
(Blue Class & Year Group Lead)

Nicola Jones
(Red Class)

Elyn Wynn & Anna Price
(Yellow Class)

