



Charlton Kings Infants' School

'The wings to fly, the confidence to try'



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Dear Reception Families,

Welcome back! 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. In Literacy, we will be writing for different purposes such as a postcards, letters, instructions and lists. Within our phonics work, we will be consolidating our phonic skills by revisiting some already taught digraphs and ensuring correct letter formation is being used. We will also continue to read and spell the reception golden words. We will be aiming to develop more independence in sentence writing including using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces consistently.

On May 1st we are celebrating May Day with an exciting Maypole workshop on the 30th April – watch out for photographs on 'SeeSaw'! We are also looking forward to our trip to the Farm Park in July, please contact your child's class teacher if you are able to help on the day. More details to follow...

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 diary. This can be any reading experience at home, we also love hearing about the other books you have been reading at home! 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.





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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 and sounds. We will explore a range of representations of numbers, including on 10-frames and consolidate knowledge of doubles, one more and one 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 **wearing** appropriate PE kit on Thursdays.

As the weather gets warmer, your child will need a named sun hat/cap in school to wear outside. When the weather is particularly hot, please apply sun cream each morning before school. Please do not send sun cream in to school. We also ask that socks are worn with open-toe sandals for safety in our busy playground. Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school each Monday, 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 with! 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 6th May 9.15am – Red Class Assembly

Wednesday 13th May 9.15am – Yellow Class Assembly

Wednesday 20th May 9.15am - Blue Class Assembly

Wednesday 10^h June – Class Photos

Thursday 18th June – Preschool sports morning (**please come in PE kits**)

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June – Parents' evening

Saturday 27th June – PFA Summer Fete

Wednesday 1st July – Transition Day

Thursday 2nd July – EYFS Sports afternoon at CKJS (reserve date – Friday 3rd July)

(please come in PE kits)

Friday 10th July – EYFS trip to Cotswold Farm Park





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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

