



# Welcome to Reception

## Mrs Revill/Mrs Wyatt/Mrs Johnson

### October – December 2023



Welcome back!

We hope that you all had a restful and happy half term holiday with your children. We are so proud that they have completed their first half term here with us at Little London Primary School. The children have come back after the holiday with wonderful hard-working attitudes and have settled straight back into our school routines.



This term, our topic is **Celebrations**. Over this half term, we will focus our learning on a range of festivals and how they are celebrated in different cultures including Diwali, birthdays and Christmas.



#### **Reading & Phonics:**

We hope you have enjoyed reading with your child at home and we love to listen to your child read at school. Please make sure that your child brings their book and reading record into school every day. We will read with your child and change their book every Monday or Tuesday. Please remember to read with them at least three times a week for around 10 minutes and sign their reading record. It is the school's expectation to read with your child at home and to sign their record each time you do so. Reading with your child will develop their listening and attention skills, extend their vocabulary and support them emotionally.

Your child will soon be bringing a set of phonics sounds home which they should practise alongside their reading book. We will continue to share videos every week on Class Dojo and Tapestry to support you in how we teach these sounds.

We are also excited to share with you our class libraries of bedtime books. Please feel free to choose a book with your child to enjoy at home, you can then return this to the class library trolley and choose a new one when you are ready. Bedtime stories are a great way to improve your child's language and imagination.

#### **Maths:**

This half term, we are learning about numbers to 5. We will be learning how to count, show 1 more and 1 less and represent these numbers in different ways. We will continue to develop our knowledge of shape by looking for 1, 3 and 4 sided shapes in the environment. We will learn to name circles, triangles and squares by their properties such as sides and corners.

#### **Movement play:**

Your child will continue to take part in weekly movement play sessions. This will help them to develop core strength, stability and gross motor skills. Movement play will take place each Wednesday morning. For this lesson, the children get changed into shorts and t-shirts which are provided by school. As part of the Early Years Curriculum, children are assessed at the end of the year against a range of Early Learning Goals. These include Physical Development which requires children to be able to dress themselves independently. Please support your child by giving them time to dress themselves independently and let them have a go.



At Little London we use Tapestry and Class Dojo to share your child's learning with you. We also 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:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> November - Diwali
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December- Break up for Christmas holidays



**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.