



We are very excited to welcome you to our first newsletter for Little London Academy Nursery which opened in September 2024. This letter will tell you a little about what a day in nursery will be like for your child and what we will be learning this half term. For more information on our Early Years Curriculum, please see our medium-term plan on the school website. <https://www.littlelondonprimary.co.uk/>

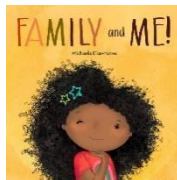
Thank you to all of you that invited us into your homes to meet you and your families before your child started nursery, you made us feel very welcome and we have loved getting to know you, your child and the family. We are very proud of our youngest learners and how well they have settled into school life. They've had an amazing start to Nursery.

This year, our Nursery's class name will be the **Friendly Foxes**. Throughout their time in Nursery, the children will be making lots of new friends which will help to develop their communication and social skills through play. This will help us to develop sharing skills and learn to take turns and look after the toys.



This half term our theme will be **'All About Me'**.

We will be reading different stories such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Super Duper You' and 'Family Like Me' to support our learning.



### Reading & Phonics:

In Nursery, we will be developing the children's pre reading skills though early phonics. Phase 1 of Letters and Sounds develops children's speaking and listening skills and lays the foundations for the phonics work they will start on in Reception. The following phonics skills are developed in Phase 1:

- Environmental sounds
- Instrumental sounds
- Body percussion (e.g. clapping and stamping)
- Rhythm and rhyme
- Alliteration

To support your child's language development, their listening and attention skills and to embed a love of reading, we encourage you to read them a bedtime story each night. To support you with this, we will be creating a nursery library trolley that from it, you can choose a book to take home.

### Maths:

In nursery, the children will be introduced to early maths concepts. This term, through nursery rhymes and number songs we will be practising the skill of counting aloud and saying each number in the correct order. You can also support your child with this by practising at home! We will be sharing some of these songs on Class Dojo and Tapestry for you to listen to together.



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!



We aim to keep you up to date with upcoming events and to tell you about ways you may be able to support your child's learning at home.

Please label your child's clothing, we want to make sure that uniform stays with the right people. We ask that this includes coats and shoes as we will be accessing our amazing outside area in all weathers and might need to wear our wellies sometimes if it's wet. Don't worry though, we have lots of wellies for the children to wear so they won't need to bring their own. In nursery, we understand some children may still have toileting accidents, don't worry! All we ask is that you ensure that they have spare clothes in their bags including pants and socks. If you need any support with toilet training, please speak with a member of staff.

Don't forget nursery session times are as follows. Please ensure you drop off and pick up promptly at the beginning and end of a session.

Morning sessions – Monday to Friday 8.30 – 11.30am.

Afternoon sessions – Monday to Friday 12.15-3.15pm.

Full day sessions – Monday to Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm. Your child will need a healthy packed lunch each day. Don't forget to send them with a fork or spoon if they will need it to eat their lunch.

If you are working or studying and think you may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare, please speak with a member of Nursery staff for more information.

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 on ClassDojo messenger.

***Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing your child flourish at Little London Academy.***

Many thanks,

The Nursery Team

#### **Important Dates:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> October- Parents Evening
- 25<sup>th</sup> October School closed for staff training
- Half term holiday school is closed Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and re opens 4<sup>th</sup> November



#### **Things you can do to help:**

- Reading bedtime stories at home, if you don't have any story books to read to your child please come and see us and we can help with this.
- Talking with them as you walk to and from school and visit places.
- Looking at Tapestry regularly, as we will be sharing what we have been learning in class and how you can help at home.

