

Welcome to Reception with Miss Lock, Mrs Wyatt and Mrs Johnson November - December 2024

Welcome back!

We hope that you all had a restful and happy half term holiday with your children. We are so proud that the children have completed their first half term here with us at Little London Academy. We really enjoyed getting to know the children through our 'All about me' topic and the children became great story tellers as we learnt to retell 'We're going on a bear hunt' and even made our own versions of the story. 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 Bonfire night, Diwali, birthdays and Christmas.



These are some of the stories we will be looking at this half term.

Reading & Phonics:

This half term the children will split into smaller Phonics groups across the Reception classes to ensure that the children are getting the right level of support and challenge. We will be repeating the some of the sounds we have already learnt to make sure that the children are confident when they see the sounds in a word and can read all of the sounds speedily.

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.

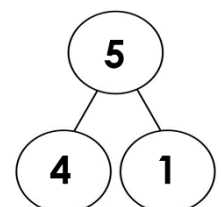


Please check Class Dojo regularly as we will be frequently posting videos for your child to join in with at home to develop their 'Fred talk' (blending sounds together to make words) and some videos of the sounds being taught.

Maths:

This half term we will be focussing on the numbers 3,4,5 and 0. Children are introduced to 1 number at a time, over the course of 2 weeks looking at the number in different ways such as, double and halving, odd and even numbers, number bonds, and we will be introducing part whole representation.

Our maths lessons include rich opportunities for children to develop their spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space and measures.



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:

- 19th November – Reception Maths Workshop (More details to follow)
- 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th December – Christmas Party days
- 20th December school closes and re opens 6th

**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.

