



Welcome to your first newsletter of the year from the reception team. This letter is to tell you a little about what we will be learning this half term (please see the medium-term plan for more details), 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.

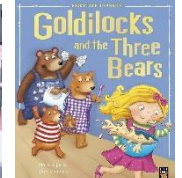
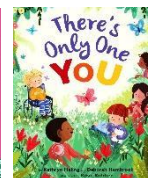
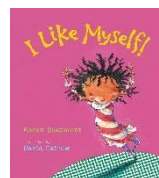
Thank you to all of you that invited us into your homes before the summer to meet you and your families, you made us feel very welcome. The children have really impressed us in the first week, they have settled in calmly and have been extremely sensible at lunch times too. We are enjoying getting to know your children in school, there has been lots of exploring inside the classrooms and in the outside area. The bikes and scooters are certainly a popular choice and the children are learning to share and take turns.

We have been busy creating class displays to match our new class names, The children in Miss Locks class are called **Resilient Rabbits**, and the children in Miss Cartwright class are called **Helpful Hedgehogs**.

This half term our theme will be **'All about me'**.

We will be reading different stories such as:

- I like myself by Karen Beaumont
- There's only one you by Katherine Heling
- In every house on every street by Jess Hitchman
- Goldilocks and the three bears by Mara Alperin



### Reading & Phonics:

At Little London Academy we follow a Phonics scheme called Read Write Inc. The children will begin Phonics lessons learning the sound a letter makes, please see this link to support your child with this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yln6PpV1G1I>. We will also focus on something called 'oral blending', this is when your child can merge the different individual sounds that they hear in a word before saying the word as a whole such as c-a-t, cat. Oral blending is a key skill to build upon when learning to read.

### Maths:

In Maths the children are introduced to the concept of matching, sorting and comparing. They will start by matching objects. We will provide many opportunities for children to recognise the attributes of familiar objects and point out how they are the same as well as how they know. The children will also be introduced to the numbers 1, 2 and 3. They will look at different representations of each number as well as how each number can be broken down into smaller numbers, for example:  $2 + 1 = 3$ . The children will be introduced to subitising, this is the ability to instantly recognise the number of objects in a small group, without needing to count them. We will also continue to develop our understanding of number through singing nursery rhymes and number songs.



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!



Reception PE day is on a **Friday** and we will be starting our PE lessons on the **19<sup>th</sup> September**. Your child will need to bring their PE kit in a bag to change into at school. Please label your child's clothing, as we want to make sure that uniform stays with the right people. There is an example below of what PE kit your child will need to bring. Children can wear any type of sports trainers they have but please ensure that these are appropriate for PE.



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.

**We are so proud of the children and are excited to see them flourish throughout the year, you should all feel proud of them too!**

Many thanks,

The Reception Team

#### **Important Dates:**

- 30<sup>th</sup> September – Phonics and reading workshop for parents and carers
- 20<sup>th</sup> October- Parents Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> October School closed for staff training
- Half term holiday school is closed Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October and re opens 3<sup>rd</sup> November

