



4 May 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays with your family. Your child made a successful start back to school last month and was enthusiastic about returning to their learning activities. I would like to thank you for the hard work that you put into supporting your children's learning during the lockdown. We can see the benefit of this in school.

Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns you can contact me by sending a message on Seesaw or emailing admin@hawley.camden.sch.uk and Lesley, Saoirse or Sharlene will forward your email to me. Although it can be busy when the children are being dismissed, you are welcome to wait in the Reception playground to talk to me or we can arrange a telephone appointment at a more convenient time.

Start of the Day:

School begins at 8.55 am and finishes at 3.20pm. I would like to thank all families for your punctuality. This means we can make a prompt start and end to the day. Please keep your child quietly in line while waiting, I know they are excited, but we need to be mindful that we are crossing the Nursery learning environment. For this reason, we also ask that you refrain from giving food and drink to your child until they are outside the school gates.

Class Topic:

Our topic for the term will be 'The World Around Us'. This half term, we will be looking at our local environment and after half term, the wider world. We will continue to use Book of the Week as a focus for learning. The children have enjoyed using The Gruffalo to think about different environments and we will continue to read other well-loved books in the coming weeks. I will read the Book of the Week each week on Seesaw so it is available to your child at home.

Phonics

We will continue to have daily phonics lessons to practise using Phase 2, 3 and 4 sounds. We will also practise 'tricky' words (which cannot be sounded out). The children are now in phonics groups and the home learning on Seesaw is specific to your child for phonics so please try and do some practice at home as it helps them in class.

Reading

Please continue with the great support you are giving your children with their reading. After the lockdown, it was lovely to see the huge impact when children had been reading regularly at home. Please continue to return book bags on Monday. The children will continue to have a weekly reading book to take home and we will be using some phonically decodable texts. They will also continue to take a book home for Reading for Pleasure.

PE:

The class will have PE with Coach Charlie on Wednesdays. This term, they are using small apparatus and learning how to control balls, hoops etc. They do not need to change for PE but please ensure that they are wearing suitable clothes (trainers, jogging bottoms). On other days as you know, we are active outside and now have lunchtime games daily on the running track.

Music

The children will have a music lesson with Olga on Wednesday mornings, following class themes.

Home Learning

New work will be available on Seesaw on Fridays at 3.30pm. This will be phonics, a story and some activities around the class theme. Please upload completed work onto Seesaw and use your home whiteboard or red book to practise phonics. If you need a new red book, let me know.

Trips

We hope to visit Talacre Open Space soon to observe seasonal change and use the play equipment. I am in the process of booking a trip to Kentish Town City Farm after half term and will let you have the date of this shortly. We will also be taking part in the Hawley Sports Day at the beginning of July in Regents Park. We welcome parent volunteers on all these outings and will have more information soon.

With best wishes,

Sarah Richardson

Reception Class Teacher