



29/4/22

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays with your family. Your child made a successful start back to school and was enthusiastic about returning to their learning activities. Thankyou you for the hard work that you put into supporting your children's learning. 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](mailto:admin@hawley.camden.sch.uk) and Lesley 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. Thank you for your punctuality. This means we can make a prompt start and end to the day.

#### 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 are enjoying using The Gruffalo to think about different environments and we will continue to read other well- loved books in the coming weeks. There are now several stories available to hear again on Seesaw.

#### Phonics

We 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 reading groups and read 3 times a week with an adult.

#### Reading

Please continue with the great support you are giving your children with their reading and 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 have PE with Coach Charlie on Thursdays. This term, they working in partners and small groups as we prepare them for Sports Day. They do not need to change for PE but please ensure that they are wearing suitable clothes (trainers, jogging bottoms) on Thursdays. On every day as you know, we are active outside and now have lunchtime games daily on the in the big playground.

### Music

The children have a music lesson with Olga on Tuesday afternoons. They are learning about conducting, listening to music by Brahms and beginning to take part in Singing Assemblies with KS1 on Wednesdays. We are learning songs for the Platinum Jubilee in assembly.

### Trips

We will visit Kentish Town City Farm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May to observe new life. We will also be taking part in the Hawley Sports Day at the on July 7<sup>th</sup> in Regents Park. We welcome parent volunteers on outings and will have more information soon.

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes at school at all times.

With best wishes,

Sarah Richardson

Reception Class Teacher