

Year Group Newsletter

Reception

Curriculum:

For information regarding the Reception curriculum that we will be studying this year, please take a look at our website:

<https://www.timbercroft.greenwich.sch.uk/Curriculum/Our-Curriculum/>

Weekly Routines and Key Events:

- **PE days:** Reception's PE day is Wednesday. For the first few weeks, they will work in small groups getting to know Andy, our Sports Coach. Please ensure PE kits are worn to school every Wednesday.
- All dates for Parent Pop Ins and additional PE will be in each weekly newsletter.

Communication:

Our weekly newsletter 'Timber Weekly' is emailed home every Friday. Each edition contains:

- Fun Filled Fantastic Friday - our 'achievement names' will receive a special mention and come home with a certificate and other stand out moments from across the school community
- Diary dates - including our weekly additional PE lessons
- Online safety updates
- Attendance challenges
- Key information - for example updates on our OPAL project and upcoming events

We also share essential information via our social media platforms (facebook/instagram/X: @timbercrofts) and website:

<https://www.timbercroft.greenwich.sch.uk/>

In Reception, we use Tapestry to share updates about your child's learning. Please ensure you have activated your account and are checking it regularly. We also love to see things the children are doing at home so please feel free to share videos and comments with us too.



Home learning:

Children should read with an adult every day. All children should have a book bag and they are welcome to take home a book from our class reading area. As the year progresses, phonics books will be sent home and set on Oxford Owl. We will sometimes send home QR codes which link to phonics videos. Please watch these with your child to support them with developing their phonics skills.

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Classes:

Due to us having a smaller number of children across Reception this year and while we complete the reception baseline assessments, we will not be dividing the children into class A and B at this stage. We will update with any changes by October half term.

Spare clothes:

Learning can be messy in EYFS. We go outside in all weathers and the children always have access to paint, playdough, sand and water. Toileting accidents sometimes happen too. Please ensure your child has a bag of spare clothes on their peg in case they need to be changed. Wellies and waterproofs are desirable too. Please ensure EVERYTHING is labelled with your child's name.

Food and Drink:

The children should be bringing a bottle of water to school with them every day. We can refill it for them throughout the day. Please avoid sending juice in these bottles as it is very sticky if spilt and does not fit in with our nutrition policy. The children have daily snack time where a selection of fruit is available. You are welcome to send an extra piece of fruit as an alternative however, please refrain from sending any other snacks.



Reminders:

The gate opens at 8.45am and is closed promptly at 8.55am. Please ensure you arrive on time so no learning is missed and the children can walk into school with their friends. The school day finishes at 3.30pm. Please collect your child promptly as, at their young age, waiting can cause them distress. If someone else is collecting your child, please send a message through the office.



Phonics meeting

Finally, we would like to invite you to a phonics meeting on Wednesday 24th September from 2.45-3.15pm. During this meeting we will talk you through the phonics programme we use at Timbercroft and offer some ideas of how you can support your child at home. It will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to speak to any of our team (Mrs Shaddick, Mrs Edwards, Miss Griffiths, Miss Morris, Miss Tah)

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