

Term 1

DATES FOR THIS TERM

Tuesday 12th
September

Show and tell

Monday 29th
September,
3.30pm

Maths Mastery
Workshop
3:30pm

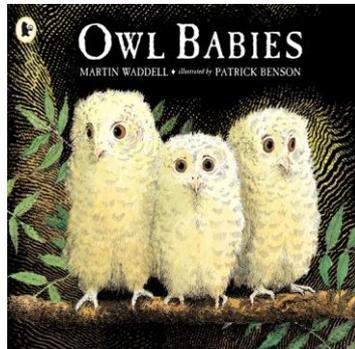
Tuesday 26th
September

Phonics
Workshop
9:00am

Tuesday 3rd
October
Reading Parent
Workshop
9.00am

A very warm welcome to all our children and families in the Reception classes: we've had a wonderful start to year and are very proud of the progress the children are already making!

This term our big focus is to settle the children into Reception and develop the behaviours that are necessary for learning. In particular, we will focus on showing whole body listening and getting on with our friends. To continue in such a positive manner, please ensure your child is ready to start school on time. The gate is opened at 8:45am. When the bell is rung at 8:55am, please say goodbye to your child as they line up and ensure that there is a walkway for the Reception classes to get into school.



Topic

This term our topic is 'My Family and Me'. We will be talking about families and what makes us unique. We will be sharing stories about our families, friends and pets. One of our stories will be *Owl Babies*. On Tuesday, 12th September, we will be doing a show and tell to learn more about your child. Please have your child choose something special to them from home and bring it into school in their backpack.

Reading

We learn to read through phonics lessons: please attend our workshop to find out how to support with this at home.

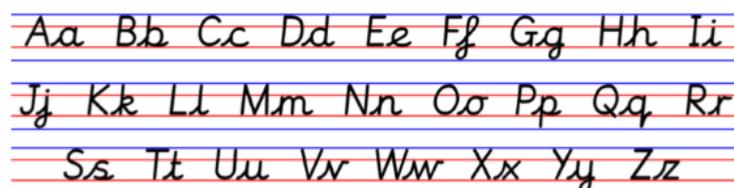
Soon, we will be sending home a levelled reading book and a reading log. We will change books when appropriate. Each week we will visit our school library and your child will be able to choose a story book to take home.

Activities at home: read with your child each day and record this in their log.

Discuss the book with your child, asking questions to see if they have understood.

English

We will be reading and learning traditional rhymes and poetry, such as 'Wind the Bobbin up' and 'Hickery Dickery Dock.' We will also be practicing pencil control and to develop fine motor skills. When the children begin to write, we teach them to use pre-cursive script.



Activities at home: develop fine motor skills (finger muscles) through colouring within the lines, moulding play dough, threading beads, playing with Lego, practicing letter formation

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REMINDERS

Keep your
reading book and
log in backpacks.

Please only have
healthy snacks
before and after
school within the
premises.

Bring PE kits each
Friday!

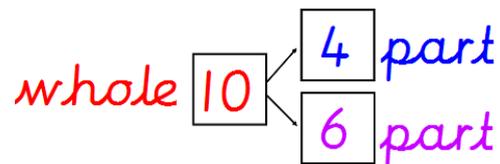
A reminder of our
school PE kit:

- White school PE top
- -Navy shorts or jogging bottoms
- White socks
- Plain trainers (white, black or blue) or plimsolls

Maths

In Reception, we teach Maths through Maths Mastery. To learn more about this, please attend our Maths Mastery Workshop on the 25th of September at 3:30pm.

Pupils will represent numbers within ten in various ways, including using concrete objects and creating pictorial representations. With the use of concrete objects, pupils will compare the number of objects in two sets. We will then explore addition and subtraction within 10, writing equations and using the part-whole model. Pupils will solve one-step problems and begin to develop an understanding of addition and subtraction as inverse operations, which will be built upon in future terms.



Key vocab: more, fewer, double, half, number bond, add, subtract, part, whole

Activities at home: count everyday objects (including coins), look out for shapes and numbers in their environment, e.g. the number 16 bus, a rectangular window, etc.

See 'My Maths Challenges' in the Parents section of our website for more ideas. <http://www.pimlicoprimary.org/>

PE

Our PE lessons will begin this week. Please ensure your child comes into school with their PE kit each Friday. The children will get changed into their PE kit in school but will not change back into their school uniform after. They will be sent home in their PE kit.

Science

In Science we will be learning about and exploring our five senses and how to take care of our bodies.

Key vocab: sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch, sense