

### **Parental Involvement**

We have been really enjoying seeing the fabulous photos and videos that you have been sharing on Tapestry with us this term. It is so great to see how children are sharing their learning with you at home and all of the fun opportunities that they have outside of school. Please continue to keep sharing these so we can celebrate children's achievements in school.

It has been exciting to see the children taking their first steps to becoming readers over the last term. Please continue to read with your child regularly and write down any comments in their reading diary. We will listen to your child read and change their books weekly, so please ensure that reading books are in school on your child's allocated day as written in the front of their reading diaries.

With your support and communication, we are sure to have another brilliant term in Reception and we look forward to hearing from you if you have any queries or concerns.

Thank you  
The Reception team.

Park Lane Primary School

## **Autumn Term 2 2021**

(November and December)

### **Early Years- Reception**



### **Information for parents**

Miss Tansley, Miss Alegre,  
Mrs Walton-Jones, Mrs White,  
Mrs Brannigan, Mrs Ruggles and Mrs Bland

## **Dear Parent/Carer,**

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely half term break and the children are coming back ready and eager to learn. Our theme this term is 'Fantastic Festivals'. This booklet is to inform you of what your child will be learning this term. There are also some questions included to help your children to extend their learning at home.

### **Mathematics (M)**

This term we will be continuing our learning on numbers 1-5. The children will be learning one more and one less within five as well as identifying and comparing shapes with four sides. We will also be looking at sequencing times of the day, using vocabulary such as morning, afternoon, today and tomorrow.

*Can you go on a shape hunt and identify any objects that have four sides?*

### **Literacy (L)**

In Literacy this half term, we are going to be focusing on the lovely storybook 'Elmer' by David McKee. We will be completing a 'Talk for Writing' unit on this so that the children will be able to retell the story and change key aspects of the story to make a completely new story line of their choice. We will be continuing with our phonics lessons, learning set one sounds and practising blending to read.

*Can you retell the story 'Elmer' to your family/friends at home?*

### **Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)**

During this term we will be learning about the importance of healthy eating – which foods we should be fuelling our bodies with and which we should be saving for a treat. We will also be developing our understanding of our school values 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' and what this looks like in our classroom.

*Can you write/record a video to explain how we are ready, respectful and safe in our class?*

### **Communication and Language (CL)**

This term we will be doing lots of speaking and listening activities as a whole class and in small groups. We will be sharing our ideas and thoughts during Circle Time. We will also be listening to a range of texts including stories, poetry and non-fiction to help develop our vocabulary.

*Can you tell someone about your favourite story at school?*

### **Physical Development (PD)**

In PD, we will be continuing to develop the children's fine and gross motor skills through a range of activities such as cutting, threading and drawing activities. We will also be completing a dance unit, learning about moving to music in different ways and creating our own dance to perform. These sessions will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. **Please send your child to school in their P.E kit.**

*Can you choreograph your own dance performance to your favourite piece of music using skills we have learned?*

### **Understanding the World (UTW)**

In UTW, we will be learning about festivals that are celebrated around the world. We will be focusing on Diwali and Christmas celebrations. We will also be learning the Christian Christmas story and will perform a class nativity play in December. Locally we will visit Whittlesey library and learn why it is an important place in our local area.

*Can you tell your family/friends why people celebrate Diwali?*

### **Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)**

In EAD, we will be developing our creative and performance skills through music. Mrs Bradshaw is going to share her instruments with us and show us how to keep to a beat and move in time to music. We will also look at different ways of joining materials to make models.

*Can you make a junk model of your own choice to share at school?*