



parents' Newsletter



Week Ending: 23rd September 2022
Welcome to Reception

The children are all settling in very nicely and beginning to make some lovely friendships. This term our topic is 'Animals'. The focus is 'talking for learning'. Next term our English focus is Autumn and we will cover a variety of topics in maths - stay tuned!

This half-term we will ...

- ✓ **Phonics** - Begin our Read, write, inc letter sounds and Floppy's Phonics. Throughout the week we will be practicing segmenting and begin blending words with these sounds in, as well as the different formations of each letter.
- ✓ **English** - Our focus this half-term is Communication and Language around 'Animals and their homes'. The children will be working together in small groups to discuss where the animals live and the proper names for the animals homes.
- ✓ **Maths** - Our focus for maths will cover Matching and Sorting, Comparing sizes and amounts, and Exploring patterns. The children will learn and explore different ways of making 1, 2 and 3 with amounts, writing the numbers, beginning to learn the written form of the number and begin to compare amounts. We'll be playing lots counting games too.
- ✓ **Creative** - The children are making their own portraits using different kinds of materials and creating their own animal masks which will be used for 'Role Play'.

WoW Event! The whole of Reception will be hosting a Harvest picnic where parents are invited to come along. This will take place on the 19th October 2022 time yet to be confirmed.



On Friday the children will each be given a new Laycock book, bag kindly bought by 'Friends of Laycock'.

Have a lovely week!

Things to do at home...

- ✓ Practise children's handwriting by writing their names and our phonic sounds of the week.
- ✓ Practise counting to 10 together - ask children if they can write the numbers too. Can you see the numbers anywhere in your environment? (letter boxes, road signs etc)
- ✓ Read a book together and see if your child can find any of the phonic sounds in the words

Mrs Bailey, Mrs Middlebrook (Nine Elms class), Ms Leane, Ms Dinneegan (London Bridge class) and Miss Clark and Ms Brown (Elephant and Castle).