



# Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1

September 2023

Hello and welcome to Reception Class!  
 It has been lovely meeting all parents and children this week. We are excited to get to know your children and help them settle quickly into their first term of school. We have planned lots of exciting learning activities to ensure they have a happy start at Forest Gate Academy.  
 School starts at 8.45am (doors open at 8.35 am) and finishes at 3.15pm. Children should be dropped off and picked up at the EYFS entrance.  
 Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day and tell us or telephone if you would like someone else to collect your child. We can only allow your child to leave with another adult if you have given your permission.



**Themes**  
 This half term we will be learning about ourselves, our families and our personal histories. We will also be using all our senses to explore the natural materials in our school grounds and will be celebrating the festivals of Harvest and Diwali.

**Communication and Language and PSED**  
 We will be focusing on developing the children's speaking, listening and attention skills alongside broadening their vocabulary and social skills. We will be providing a wide range of play opportunities for the children to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves and building positive relationships with their peers and teachers. We will be also learning about our own and others feelings during circle time and by reading and discussing key texts. These include: 'Hugless Dougless', 'Ruby's Worries' and 'Perfectly Norman.'



**Mathematics** We use a 'Mastery Maths' approach to encourage the children to reason and problem solve. The focus this half term will be matching and sorting and comparing quantities, size, mass and capacity. The children will explore materials to answer questions e.g. How are these the same and how are they different? Which has fewer /more? We will also be exploring different ways of representing 1,2 and 3 as well as the composition of these numbers and subitizing quantities of up to 3.

**Phonics**  
 The children will play a variety of games to develop their listening and attention skills and support their ability to discriminate between different sounds e.g. rhyming games, tapping out the syllables in words, identifying the initial sound in words and oral blending and segmenting.. They will also start to match letter sounds (phonemes) to letter shapes (graphemes) using the Read Write Inc phonics scheme.

**Library Books**  
 The children will take home a new library book each Monday. Try to read the book regularly to your child throughout the week. This broadens their vocabulary and develops their understanding of story structures. **Please return books and diaries to school each Monday to be changed.** These can be placed in the box outside the reception door. We look forward to our learning partnership in helping to develop your child's reading and language skills.

**Targets**  
 Individual reading, writing and maths targets will be set for each child after the half term holiday.  
**PE**  
 Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on a Wednesday morning. They must have their school uniform in a bag to get changed into afterwards.



**Things to remember**

P.E will be every Wednesday morning starting the week beginning 5.9.22 Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their full P.E. kit (burgundy P.E. shorts, white t-shirt, and trainers or black pumps. Black or burgundy jogging bottoms maybe worn over their shorts when the weather gets colder.)

They will need to change into their full school

To help your child become more independent with their self care please can you make sure they can put on/take off their own uniforms, shoes and coats (including turning sleeves the correct way round and fastening zips and buttons ). Also please ensure that all their clothing including P.E. kits are clearly named.

We are always available to talk about any concerns you have regarding your child. Please do not hesitate to ask. The best time to discuss any concerns is in person after school or by phone so we can meet your and your child's needs.

Thank you for continuous support Miss Hicks, Miss Taylor and Miss Stout.