

# ST ALFEGE WITH ST PETER'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Creek Road, Greenwich, London, SE10 9RB



## Reception Class Newsletter Summer Term

CLASS TEACHER: Miss Prince

SUPPORT STAFF: Miss Hulcup



### EARLY LEARNING GOALS

Your child has been working towards the Early Learning Goals throughout the school year. These goals support your child's development across the 7 areas of learning; Communication and Language, Personal Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. Your child needs to meet all of the Early Learning Goals in order to be assessed as having a good level of development at the end of the year. This term we will continue working with the children to help them make progress to meet these goals.

### TERMLY TOPIC

In our last term of Reception we have two final topics. In Summer 1 our topic is "Special People". Here we start by thinking about those individual people who are special to us before moving onto thinking about those that help us in our community. This includes; people who work at school, firefighters, police and medics. If any parents would like to come into school to talk about their job with the children please see Miss Prince.

In Summer 2 our topic is Journeys. We will explore our local area and how it is similar and different to other places. We will look at maps and the different journeys that people take. Near the end of the term our big focus will be on transitions and preparing your children for starting in year 1 in September.

### LITERACY

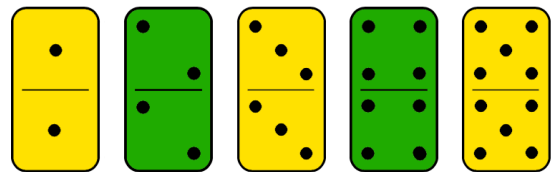
We are now becoming phonics professionals! We have learnt all the sounds for Reception and concentrate all our efforts into reading and writing a wider range of words containing the taught sounds. All of the children have developed a real love for books and it is brilliant to see how much pleasure they get out of starting to read words and books independently. Please remember to bring in your child's book bag on Friday so that they can change their reading book each week.



This half term we are really supporting the children with the correct letter formation of the letters they write. It is really important for them to see the correct way of writing the letter, rather than just drawing a shape that matches that of the letter shape. Correct letter formation will really support their writing as they move up through the school. We are also encouraging the children to use their phonics sounds to write simple words and short sentences.

### MATHEMATICS

We are continuing to use the Numberblocks to support our maths learning. We have become very confident on subitising – knowing what a number is without counting, and have a strong knowledge of the numbers 1 – 5 and how they are made. We will be using the knowledge we have to deepen our knowledge of numbers 6 – 10 as well as looking in detail at the pattern of the counting system, verbally counting with confidence beyond 30. We will also be exploring other number patterns including odd and even numbers and doubles.



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

Our topic for this half term is 'Why do Christians believe Jesus is special?'

After half term our topic is 'How did Jesus rescue people?'



### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

PE will be changing to every Tuesday. This term the children will continue to change into their PE kit independently in school. Dressing independently is a life skill, please support your child to practise any parts they find tricky, such as buttons, at home so they are ready and confident to change at school. We are now using a timer and are expecting them to be changed within ten minutes, we will be decreasing this time as the term goes on, aiming for five minutes by the end of the year!

We will continue to support your child to develop their fine motor skills with a range of activities at our Finger Fun Station and through different activities inside and out.

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### CLASS REMINDERS

PLEASE ENSURE NAMES ARE IN EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING!

In the third term of school names that were once there have often rubbed off, please check your child's belongings regularly to make sure their name is still clearly visible.

Every child wears very similar items of uniform and it is essential that

every item of clothing has your child's name clearly labelled. If unnamed clothing goes missing we will be unable to help you find it.

Water bottles are essential too, especially as the weather starts to get warmer. Please make sure your child has a named water bottle with them every day.

As the weather becomes sunnier please put sun cream on your child in the morning. We will not be able to apply sun cream to them in school.

Thank you for remembering to send in your child's reading books every Friday.

Remember PE kits on a Tuesday too.!

Please make us aware if somebody different is going to collect your child by contacting the school office.

We are always available to offer you help and support. If you need to talk to a class adult please email or phone the school and we will do whatever we can to help.

We will be inviting you all in again soon for another Stay and Play session and look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your continued support  
Miss Prince