

Parental Involvement

We hope that you have enjoyed seeing the photos that we have been sharing on Seesaw this last term. Thank you so much for how interactive you have been with this. It is so lovely to be able to see how children are sharing their learning with you at home and all of the fun opportunities that they have outside of school.

It has been really 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 once a week so please ensure that reading books are in school every day.

With your support and communication with the teachers 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 2025

(November - December)
Early Years - Reception



Information for parents

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely half term break and the children are coming back ready and raring to learn. We are looking forward to celebrating lots of exciting days this term including Odd Socks Day, Children in Need and of course Christmas! 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 5 as well as identifying and comparing shapes with 4 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 4 sides?

Literacy (L)

In Phonics children continue to develop their knowledge of set one sounds and blend to read words. Please try to spend 5 or so minutes each day going through children's RWI flashcards to strengthen their sound knowledge and read through their purple blending books.

In Literacy this half term, we are going to be continuing with Drawing Club which is so much fun! The children will be strengthening their pencil grip and control to draw pictures of characters and settings from their favourite stories as well as using their imagination to create new adventures. They will then be writing words and captions for their pictures, using their phonics knowledge to sound out and spell words.

Can you draw a picture of your most favourite character and write a word to describe them?

Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)

During this term we will be developing our understanding of our school values 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' and what this looks like on our classroom. We will also be exploring some growth mindset strategies to learn how to try, try and try again whilst building our confidence with new challenges.

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. It's amazing when you share photos and videos of what you've been up to at home on Seesaw, as this gives the children something to share with their friends, further developing those communication skills.

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 in different ways and in time to music. These sessions will take place indoors on a Thursday morning. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on a Thursday.

Can you showcase your dance skills by performing at home?

Understanding the World (UTW)

In UTW we will be learning about toys and transport from the past and how they are different to what we have now. We will be going out for walks in our local area to develop understanding of road safety as well as exploring different materials and magnets. We will also be learning the Christian Christmas story and will perform a class nativity play in December – we hope you will come and watch!

Can you tell your family/friends what the 4 things we must do are when crossing the road?

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

In EAD we are going to be getting stuck into lots of clay – learning how to mould it, cut it and add texture using a range of tools. We will also be learning how to join using Sellotape and masking tape, and of course continuing to develop our drawing and colouring skills through a range of activities.

Can you do a Christmas Drawing for our Christmas window display?