

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2020

As-salamu alaykum (Peace Be Upon You)

The reception team pray that you have kept safe and well during this unprecedented time. Hopefully, you have been able to enjoy the last couple of months of summer.



We would like to welcome you to The Olive School. We look forward to this very special year with your child and will work hard together with you to ensure it is a positively rewarding experience for them.

This newsletter will provide you with key information for the autumn term.

Meet the team!

Ibn Zubayr

Class Teacher: Ms Pektekin

Learning Coach: Miss Bawa

Ibn Umar

Class Teacher: Ms Mamodo

Learning Coach: Ms Chowdhury

Bint Muhammad

Class Teacher: Mrs Begum

Learning Coach: Mrs Sheikh



PE

Children will be taking part in PE lessons once a week with our sports coach. Children are expected to wear a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls. PE will be on Mondays for all Reception classes. Your child should come to school in their PE kit on that day.



Uniform

It is so wonderful to see how smart the children look in their uniform! Please continue to adhere to the school's expectation by ensuring your child comes to school wearing their full school uniform. This includes grey trousers, black leggings, purple/grey tartan pinafore, white polo shirt, purple cardigan/sweatshirt, grey socks/tights and black school shoes- no trainers. If girls choose to wear hijab, this must be black.



Homework & Home Readers



English and Maths homework will be handed to your child every Friday starting from Friday 25th September 2020.

Children will also receive a reading book and a reading record. These will be issued out every Friday. Please support your child by encouraging them to use their phonics to help them read. Discuss the story and ask them lots of questions! Please write a brief comment in their reading record. The comment could be about whether they enjoyed the book, or could sound out certain words or answer your questions. Developing these skills at an early stage will be beneficial to your child's reading progress.

Homework books should be returned the following Wednesday. Reading books and reading records need to be returned on Monday. Your child will be given their 'Bug Club' login to access books online.



Topics for this term

The Early Years Foundation Stage consists of 7 areas of learning (see below)

The theme this half term is 'I am Special'.

Area of Learning and Development	Aspect
Prime Areas	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Making relationships Self-confidence and self-awareness Managing feelings and behaviour
Physical Development	Moving and handling Health and self-care
Communication and Language	Listening and attention Understanding Speaking
Specific Areas	
Literacy	Reading Writing
Mathematics	Numbers Shape, Space and measure
Understanding the World	People and communities The world Technology
Expressive Arts and Design	Exploring and using media and materials Being imaginative

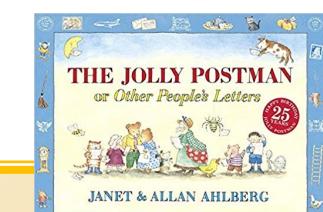
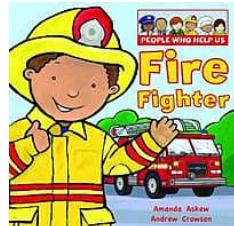
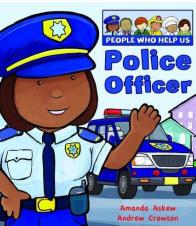
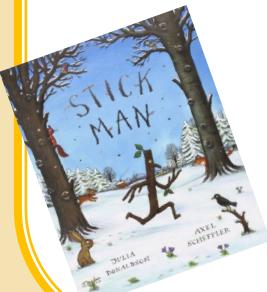
Themes in Autumn 1

This half term, our topic is 'I am Special'. We will be discussing our sense of place and our sense of home.

During this topic we will explore the different cultures and countries that our children are from.

Children will also be given opportunities to talk about themselves and their loved ones and take part in relevant activities.

Throughout the year we will learn about seasonal changes and link this understanding to story books such as 'Little Red Hen', 'Leaf Man', 'Stick Man', 'Charlie Crow in the Snow' and 'Oliver's Vegetables'.



Themes in Autumn 2

In the second half term, we will be learning about the people in our community who help us such as the dentist, firefighters and the postal service workers. Our story books will be linked to this theme.

Children will develop their skills and knowledge and understanding of the world through outdoor and indoor continuous provision.