

Reception Autumn Newsletter 2018

Welcome to the Autumn term! We hope you have had a relaxing Summer break and are excited and energised for the year ahead.

Across Early Years teaching and learning is hands-on and fun. Our classroom culture is built on our values: unity, creativity, respect, empathy, determination and aspiration. We will be talking about these words to ensure that each pupil feels valued, included, secure and excited about learning. We encourage good behaviour at all times and positive attitudes towards learning and school.

We encourage parents and carers to support children in their learning by talking about specific information related to each topic. This term we will be learning 'All about me'. We will specifically aim to develop the prime areas of the Early Years Curriculum, which are: Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development.

If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to pop in at the end of the school day. Please be aware that children's safety is our main priority and during arriving and dismissal times, you may be asked to wait if at the door if you need more time to discuss a concern or query. Alternatively, feel free to call the school office on **020 8520 6267** and arrange an appointment with the class teacher. You can also email the school at school@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting term with your child!

Miss Khan, Miss Shaikh, Miss Fle and Miss Bouziane



Literacy



Communication and Language

All children will be developing their speaking and listening skills such as; maintaining attention, concentrating, responding to and following instructions. To support their development, a number of activities and routines will be a regular part of daily life such as learning partners, circle time, story time and role-play.

Phonics and Reading

Children will also be learning to recognise and say the sound for each letter of the alphabet. We are using a Programme called Read, Write, Inc (RWI) and there is a website for parents with information to support learning; <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/>. Please feel free to make reading more exciting such as; making words out of magnetic letters or writing them in paint/mud or whatever else interests your child.

When your child begins to blend the sounds together, we will start sending home reading books for you to share with your child. We appreciate that the way children are taught to read and write now is very different to the methods used in the past, so if you are unsure about how you can help your child, please do not hesitate to ask us or visit the website.

Books will be given every Friday so please ensure that children come with their book bags daily. Also children will be reading an interactive book on Bugclub every week so please ensure you use the username and password, which will be provided, to log-on to Active Learning website below. It is essential that you read with your child every day, this really helps children develop their understanding of language and build on their experiences.

Bugclub website

You can also help your child by:

- Encourage your child to hear and say the first sound in a word (remember to concentrate on the sound not the letter name). Games like 'I spy' are great for this using the letter sound.
- Play games with rhyming words.

It doesn't have to be in English so please read in whichever language you prefer.

Active Learn : <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Writing

We will be applying our sound knowledge to write letters and simple words. Children will be learning about different writing genres such as shopping lists, cards and short stories.

The following websites are excellent for children to practise their literacy skills:

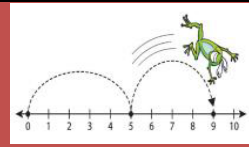
<http://www.educationcity.com/> (individual logins will be given)

www.topmarks.com

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/>



Maths



This term, we will be focusing on recognising and ordering the numbers 1-10, counting objects with one-to-one correspondence, solving simple number problems and using the correct vocabulary 'more' or 'less'. In Shape, Space and Measure we will be learning about 2D shapes, patterns, length, height, weight, positional language such as; 'behind', 'next to', 'in front of', etc.

The best way for you to help your child with their mathematical development is by doing the following:

- Encourage them to count anything and everything! Give particular praise if they are pointing to or moving the objects as they count, as this will help them be more accurate.
- Use the phrases 'one more' and 'one less' in everyday situations. Children often find the concept of 'one less' quite tricky.
- Help your child notice and make repeating patterns eg. making a Lego model using red, blue, red, blue.. Or noticing boy, girl, boy, girl, boy, girl in a line of children.
- Sing number rhymes with your child as this helps them with number order and calculating.

Please refer to the Curriculum map to see in detail how best to support your child in Maths.

<http://www.educationcity.com/> and www.topmarks.com are great websites to support children's learning in maths.

Topic



Our topic for this term is 'All about me'. However, the nature of the Early Years is to respond to the children's interests and needs, so the above is subject to change, depending on the children's reactions!

We will be reading a range of stories and information books, covering all the areas of development through the topic such as, body parts, people in our family, similarities and differences between ourselves and others.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their science skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z3g4d2p>



Cooking

The children will be taking part in cooking this term. It is an excellent opportunity for them to develop their motor skills.

We are kindly asking for a contribution of **£1.50 per term** to cover the cost of ingredients. You can also pay weekly if this is more convenient.



Outdoor play

Outdoor learning is an important part of Early Years and as the children will be outside please ensure that children come to school with suitable clothing including: trousers, a warm jacket, spare clothing and if possible a pair of wellies. These can be left on their peg for daily use.



P.E.

We will be doing P.E. each week. Children will need to wear P.E. kit to school on their PE day. P.E. kits should include a white t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit and plimsolls or trainers.

This term P.E. will be on Friday.

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.