

Reception Autumn Newsletter 2017

Welcome to the autumn term! We hope you have had a relaxing Summer break and are excited and energised for the year ahead. We can't wait to share all of the fantastic opportunities and learning your child will experience.

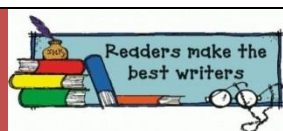
Across Early Years teaching and learning is hands-on and fun. Our classroom culture is built on our values: unity, creativity, respect, empathy, determination and aspiration. We will be talking about these words a great deal to ensure that each pupil feels valued, included, secure and excited about learning.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

If you have any questions, feel free to pop in and see us at the end of the school day at 3:30pm. We will be at the door ensuring children are being safely dismissed.

Please be aware that time at the end of the day can be limited, so if you would like to discuss anything in more detail, please call the school office on **020 8520 6267** to arrange an appointment. Alternatively, you can email the school at admin@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk

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

Miss Barthram, Miss Khan, Miss Ali, Miss Kingir, Mrs Croitoriu and Miss Puleio



Literacy



Communication and Language

All children will be developing their speaking and listening skills such as; maintaining attention, concentrating, responding to and following instructions. This area is one of the prime areas and is the basis of all other areas. 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

Children will be taking part in a daily phonics program called 'Read, Write, Inc'. They will be learning new letter sounds, beginning to read and write words and then applying these skills for their writing tasks.

Reading

Books will be given every week so please ensure that children come with their book bags daily. It is essential that you read with your child every day. This really helps children develop their understanding of language and build their experiences.

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

Writing

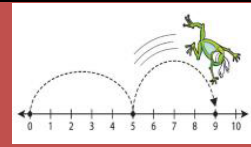
We will be applying our sound knowledge to write letters and simple words. Children will be learning about different writing genres such as shopping lists, cards and short stories.

The following website is excellent for children to practise their literacy skills:

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



Maths



In 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 to describe '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.

<http://www.educationcity.com/> is a great website to support children's learning in maths.

Topic



Our topic for this term is 'Me & My Family'.

We will be reading a range of stories, poems 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>

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/science>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/science>



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 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 Foundation Stage 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:

Mondays for Pluto class and Fridays for Moon class.

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