

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Happy New Year!

Welcome to Spring Term.

Our topic for this half term is *'Patterns'* We will be learning to describe and make patterns using colour, shape, numbers and music amongst other things.

We will be reading various books including: 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, Elmer, The Butterfly and a range of traditional tales.

We will be going to visit the animals at Deen City Farm to look at animal patterns. We will also take a walk down to Tooting Market to look at patterns and print on textiles.

We will be making different prints through tie-dye, stained glass patterns and the children will be using the tablets to take photographs of patterns they find in the environment.

Combining Maths, Literacy and Understanding of the World we will be naming and describing the four seasons and talking about events and items common to each season.

Show and Tell

To continue developing speaking and listening skills, we ask the children to bring in a toy or special item and talk about it to their class mates. Please help them to choose an appropriate item.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us at anytime before or after school.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Brown, Ms Wilson and Ms McDonald



Letters and Sounds

We continue to learn **phase 3** which includes trigraphs (3 letters which make one sound) such as *'ear'* in *'hear'* *'air'* in *'pair'*. We will learn new tricky words **her, all, they, you, are**. Please encourage your child to use their knowledge of the letter sounds to form, segment and blend **h ear = hear, p air = pair** letters/words when reading and writing.

TRIPS

We aim to take the children on a local visit to Tooting Market and Deen City Farm this term and may need your help.

REMINDER:

Please ensure that your child arrives promptly at 8.55am everyday so as not to miss out in any of the activities in the class.

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HOMEWORK

- ◆ Please continue to support the children with their homework tasks! It is making a real difference to their learning.
- ◆ Please continue to **read with your child** regularly.
- ◆ Continue to support with all other homework.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

January

Mon 15th

Healthy Living Week and After School Clubs start
Athletics Competition
RE Day

Wed 17th
Thurs 18th

February

Fri 9th

Half term

Mon 19th

Week Beginning 26th - Book Week

Inset Day—School Closed
12th -16th February

School Open to Pupils

March

Thurs 1st

Mon 12th

Thurs 22nd

Thurs 29th

World Book Day

Last Week of Clubs

Parents' Evening 4-8pm

LAST DAY OF TERM

(Own clothes day)

If any of these dates or times change we will endeavour to inform you as soon as possible.