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Reception Topic Letter – Spring Term 2022

Zip and Zoom

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all.

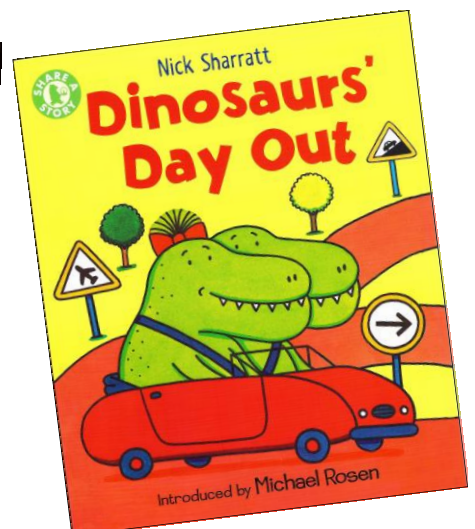
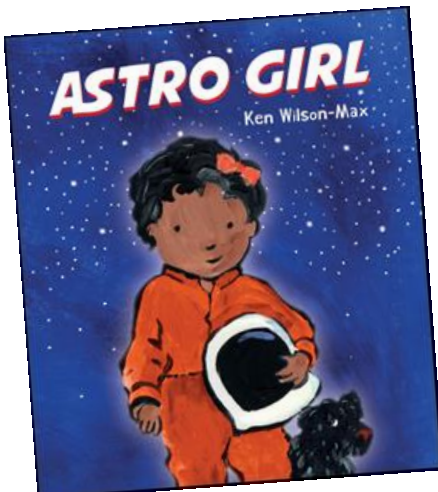
I am really excited about the term ahead. The children made such fantastic progress during the Autumn term and they have quickly settled back in and are ready for the learning opportunities ahead.

Our topic this term is **Zip and Zoom**.

Our Literacy focus this term will be books based around transport and travel. We will start with **Astro Girl** by Ken Wilson-Max, about a girl who dreams of becoming an astronaut. The children will be encouraged to think and talk confidently about the book; using prediction, asking questions and making connections with their own experience. We will carry out a range of activities linked to the book that will support children in talking about themselves, their interests and likes, special people and moments in their lives.

Our next focus book will be **The Naughty Bus** by Jan and Jerry Oke. I think the children are going to love this fun book and will really enjoy making their own versions of the Naughty Bus. The children will have opportunities to create their own transport scenarios with small world play, and we will make a role play ticket office where children can book tickets, plan journeys and find out information about buses, trains etc. We will also have an outdoor garage to 'fix' and wash bikes, scooters and vehicles.

As always, the children will have many fun opportunities to make and create related to our topic.



Reading

Please continue to read with and to your child at home.

It is one of the best things you can do to support their learning.

This term, the children will have two reading sessions with an adult each week. To make this possible, please can the children bring in their book bags every day.

Please ensure reading is fun and enjoyable.

If you can see your child is struggling, read the story to them first then they can have a go.

They could fill in the gaps, or have a little treasure hunt at the end of the story.

Such as, "Can you find the word *the* for me?" or "Put your finger on the word *!*."

Talk to them about what they see in the book and what words might be on the page?

It is always a good idea to ask them a little bit about the book when you have finished to check their understanding. Can they show you their favourite page? Why is that their favourite? Etc.

The Early Learning Goal for reading that we want to get the children to by the end of Reception is - 'Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.'

If you have any questions about reading please do not hesitate to ask. Your written feedback in your child's reading diary is also greatly appreciated.

Phonics

I have been so impressed with the children's phonics learning so far! This term, we will continue to follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Scheme, moving on to Phase 3. The resources on this page, <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home.

Mathematics

This term's focuses will include; counting beyond 10, using vocabulary to compare amounts, finding one more and one less, recalling number bonds up to 10, to continue, copy and create repeating patterns and to compare length, weight and capacity. We will continue to play lots of fun number games to support this as well as applying maths to everyday contexts.

Physical Education

The children will have PE on Tuesdays this term. They don't need a PE kit but it is always a good idea to make sure your child is wearing comfy shoes and clothing to school.

Important Dates

- **Music Workshop** – Friday 21st January
- **Bus Trip** – Wednesday 2nd February
- **Reception Class Tea** – Thursday 3rd February
- **Trip to the October Gallery (am only)** - Tuesday 8th February – To be confirmed
- **Hampstead Heath Winter Walk** – Friday 11th February
- **Bike Training** – 21st and 22nd February
- **Individual Parent Meetings** - 9th and 10th March after school.
- **International Food Evening** (Covid restrictions allowing) - Thursday 31st March - If you haven't been to this before, the idea is families bring in a plate of food to share with one another.
- **Last day of school** – Friday 1st April, **2.00pm** finish.

Thanks for your ongoing support,

Rachel Webb and the Reception team

