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Let's go to the Shops

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 being 'Mini Engineers' during the Autumn term and they have quickly settled back in and are ready for the learning opportunities ahead.

Our topic this term is **Let's go to the Shops**.

Our Literacy focus this term will be books based around shopping. We will start the term reading **Cake** by Sue Hendra, about a cake that has been invited to its first birthday party. 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. The children will help prepare for Big Bear's birthday party by shopping for cake ingredients, making a hat shop role play area, writing shopping lists, writing invitations to their own bears and helping set up for the party.

Our next focus book will be **The Great Pet Sale** by Nick Inkpen. I think the children are going to love this fun book and will really enjoy making and running their own Pet Shop. The children will learn about the different animals in the story and explore why some animals make good pets. Children will encounter different scenarios over the weeks which will support their learning.

Later in the term, we will look at high street shops and supermarkets, through the stories **Supertato** by Sue Hendra and **Don't Forget the Bacon** by Pat Hutchins. We will finish the term focusing on Garden Centres and opportunities for growing.



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 three 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. 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, Continue, copy and create repeating patterns and 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.

Important Dates

- Hampstead Heath Winter Walk – Monday 16th January
- Shopping Trip – 18th January
- Big Bear's Party – 19th January (No longer on the 20th)
- Reception Class Tea – Thursday 2nd February
- Bike Training – February – Dates to be confirmed
- Individual Parent Meetings – 8th March after school
- Hampstead Heath Spring Walk – Thursday 23rd March
- International Food Evening - Thursday 30th 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 31st March, 2.00pm finish.

Trip to the October Gallery – To be confirmed

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Rachel Webb and the Reception team



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