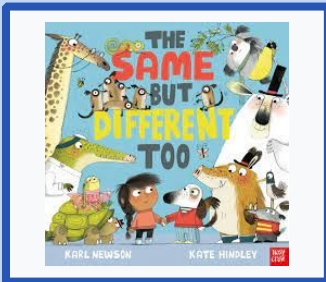
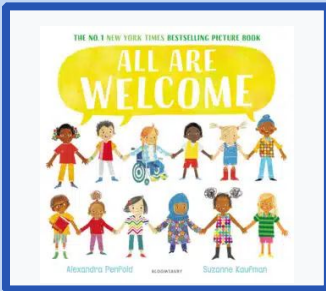


Reception Autumn 1 Learning Bulletin

We are looking forward to a wonderful first half term in Reception, where we will make new friends, settle into our new environment, and begin an exciting learning journey together.



Literacy

Writing

Our writing outcomes will be:

- drawing and identifying members of our family
- ordering and labelling the human life cycle

Reading

From 28/9/26, we will begin the Read, Write, Inc. phonics programme. This half term we are learning m,a,s,d,t,i,n,p,g,o,c,k,u,b,f

Maths

Key Knowledge:

- subitising to 3
- counting, ordinality and cardinality
- composition of 3 and 4
- subitising objects and sounds
- comparing amounts

Maths Vocabulary

subitise, counting,
compose,
composition,
compare, more
than, fewer than

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Key Knowledge:

Know how it feels to belong and that we are similar and different
Know the different feelings that I have and start to be able to manage them
Know that other people might have different feelings to me
Know why it's good to be kind and use gentle hands
Know that all children have the right to learn and play
Know what 'responsible' means
Self-regulation
Managing Self
Building Relationships
Rules and routines

Key Vocabulary:

calm, peaceful, belong, similar, different, share, gentle hands, rights, responsible (plus words for a range of feelings: angry/sad/happy/excited)

Physical Development

Gross Motor

Key Skills:

- negotiate space and obstacles safely with consideration for themselves and others
- demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing
- move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing

Fine Motor

Key Skills:

- pre-writing activities
- establishing a pencil grip
- developing scissor skills
- threading small objects
- using play tweezers
- making things with playdough

Understanding the World

Science

Key Knowledge:

- explain that we have 5 senses.
- explain which body part uses each sense

Key Vocabulary:

Nose, ear, smell, taste, senses, skin, tongue, touch, sight, taste, smell, texture, sound

Geography

Key Knowledge:

- our school is in Richmond
- we live in England
- we travel to school

Key Vocabulary:

Town, country, England, Richmond, school, journey, travel, on, under, next to, in, in front of, around, in between

RE

Key Knowledge:

- Festivals are a time to celebrate and remember
- Diwali is a festival that some people around the world celebrate
- Diwali is known as the Festival of Light
- The story of Diwali is about two people called Rama and Sita

Key Vocabulary:

belief, Diwali, Hinduism, festival, celebration

Expressive Arts and Design

Art

Key Knowledge:

- a portrait is a picture of a person
- drawing is mark making using your hand and a material

Key Vocabulary: Self portrait, drawing, skin tone

Music

Key skills:

- body percussion
- singing songs
- nursery rhymes
- makaton songs

Key Vocabulary: Self portrait, drawing, skin tone

Useful school links:

[The Vineyard School website](#)

[Curriculum Information](#)

[School calendar](#)

[Newsletter](#)

Key Information:

- Star moments happen every Friday. This is when we can celebrate in front of the children, something that your child may have achieved at home. It can be for anything from laying the table for dinner, to learning to ride their bike. Please collect a star moments template from Reception, or write it on a star no bigger than 10x10cm.
- Please label every single item of clothing your child wears at school.

Suggested Books to Read:

- All Are Welcome Here - Alexandra Penfold
- Leaf Man - Lois Ehlert
- We All Belong - Alex Goss
- Rama and Sita - Malachy Doyle
- 5 Senses - Nuria Roca

Suggested places to visit or activities to do:

- a nature walk in a park in your community
- fine motor exercises to help strengthen hand muscles
- play dates to consolidate new relationships

Useful websites to support learning:

- Top Marks - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
- Phonics play - <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- Phonics bloom - <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>
- Singing Hands - www.youtube.com/@SingingHandsUK