

What Red Class are learning:	Hints for helping your child:
<p>English We will be reading a range of stories about animals starting with Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. We will be learning to sequence and retell stories.</p> <p>We will also be reading non-fiction texts about penguins. We will focus on the penguin life cycle.</p> <p>Throughout the term, we will continue to work on writing in a sentence using a capital letter and a full stop. We will continue to develop our knowledge of phonics and key words to support our reading and writing.</p>	<p>Please try to read with your child every day. Encourage your child to respond to questions about the text and talk about the book they are reading.</p> <p>You could research some information about penguins.</p> <p>Read a range of stories and rhymes for bed time stories.</p> <p>Please help your child to complete their homework on time.</p>
<p>Maths We will be reading, writing and counting two-digit numbers. We will be leaning about the value of each digit. We will be comparing and ordering numbers.</p> <p>We will be learning to count in 2s.</p> <p>We will be recognising, naming and sorting both 2D and 3D shapes.</p>	<p>Encourage practical maths – finding shapes around the home and outdoors, counting, telling the time, helping to pay at the shops, helping with cooking.</p> <p>Play Maths games online – e.g. www.ictgames.com and www.topmarks.com</p> <p>Please help your child to complete their homework on time.</p>
<p>Science Our Spring term topic is ‘Living Things and their Habitats.’</p> <p>We will be learning to identify living things and non – living things. We will learn about the characteristics of living things.</p> <p>We will be naming and recognising different plants and animals that live in the local environment.</p>	<p>Go on a nature walk and see how many different sorts of living things you can find.</p>
<p>Computing ‘We are Coders’ - We will be learning how to use and input codes.</p> <p>‘We are Researchers’ – We will research a topic safely, using a structured approach.</p>	<p>Look out for different types of text around you. Try writing and drawing in different ways, on and off the computer.</p> <p>Use tablets or computers at home but not too much! Encourage your child to use the computer sensibly and talk about internet safety.</p> <p>Support children to use Google and other search engines.</p>

<p>History ‘Famous Monarchs’ - This term we will be learning about famous royal monarchs in the UK. We will learn about Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. We will identify similarities and differences between life in the past and now.</p>	<p>Talk about British Kings and Queens in the past. Look at pictures of monarchs. Visit Buckingham Palace, Hampton Court or The Tower of London.</p>
<p>Geography ‘Our Island’ – This term we will be learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom. We will become familiar with the terms human and physical geography. We will contrast our local area with other environments in the UK. We will begin to understand how to follow a map.</p>	<p>Show children maps of journeys you are taking. Talk about different features in the environment when you visit places.</p>
<p>Art We will be exploring landscapes and portraits. We will focus on shape, pattern, texture and colour. We will be making images using a range of materials based on the work of different artists.</p>	<p>Visit different landscapes e.g. Dulwich Park, Burgess Park, the River Thames. Visit a gallery e.g. The National Portrait Gallery, the National Gallery, Dulwich Picture gallery. Talk about the work of different artists. Compare different styles.</p>
<p>DT Linking to our topic ‘Our Island,’ we will be making food from the different countries of the UK, including simple Scottish biscuits.</p>	<p>Look at different types of food packaging and compare them. Find some of your own recipes and try them out.</p>
<p>RE We will be learning about food and fasting in religion. We will be learning about Easter.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about your beliefs and different beliefs. Encourage them to respect other faiths.</p>
<p>Music We will be learning several new songs this term and developing the ability to play rhythmic patterns from notation using percussion instruments.</p>	<p>Listen to music with different sounding instruments - identify the instruments. Encourage children to sing songs they have been learning at school.</p>
<p>PE We will be doing gymnastics – our focus will be: balancing, travelling, jumping and rolling. We will be combining actions to make a sequence. We will also be doing multi skills.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to be active! There are lots of ideas on www.nhs.uk/change4life</p> <p>Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit and all clothing is clearly named.</p>
<p>PSHE Our focus will be on health and wellbeing. We will learn about the importance of keeping fit and staying healthy.</p>	<p>Talk with your children about safety at home and on the road. Practise how to cross the road safely.</p>

Additional Information:

- **Reading books** will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays, but please ensure that your child has their reading book, reading record and book bag in school every day. Please read with your child every day at home. Please write a brief comment in the yellow reading record to show that the book has been read.
- **Homework** will be sent home every Thursday. Please return the completed homework the following Tuesday. Please support your child with their homework, whilst encouraging some independence too.
- **PE** will take place every Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on this day. Your child will need to wear a t-shirt, shorts or jogging bottoms and plimsolls or trainers.
- You may provide a **water bottle** from home for your child. Alternatively, we have water bottles for each child at school. Water bottles will come home each day for cleaning and refilling.
- Please check your child's book bag every day for letters or messages from the school.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE kits and coats, are clearly named. Thank you.
- If you need to contact us for any reason, you can use the school email:
general@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk



John Ruskin School Parents' Information Leaflet

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Celebrating 10 years of being an Ofsted Outstanding school