



John Ruskin School Parents' Information Leaflet

Summer 2024 Red Class

Theme – Carnival



What Red Class are learning:	Hints for helping your child:
<p>English We will begin by reading Yeti and the Bird. We will be using adjectives to describe characters and places. We will also be writing letters.</p> <p>After half term, we will be focussing on instructions. We will be reading The Rascally Cake.</p> <p>We will continue our phonics and key words work, and will be using this knowledge to support our reading and writing.</p> <p>Throughout the term, we will continue to work on writing in a sentence using a capital letter and a full stop / exclamation mark / question mark.</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>Read a range of stories and rhymes for bed time stories.</p> <p>Practise reading and writing tricky words regularly.</p> <p>Encourage your child to look at text around them. Can they read words on the bus, food packets, in shops?</p> <p>Please help your child to complete their homework on time.</p> <p>Play English games online – www.ictgames.com www.topmarks.com www.phonicsplay.com</p>
<p>Maths Length – We will use mathematical vocabulary to describe and compare length: long, longer, longest / short, shorter, shortest. We will be measuring lengths using non-standard measures, centimetres and metres.</p> <p>Time – We will be reading o'clock and half past times.</p> <p>Fractions – We will be finding a half and a quarter of shapes and numbers.</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>Please help your child to complete their homework on time.</p> <p>Play Maths games online – www.ictgames.com www.topmarks.com</p>
<p>Science We will begin by learning about Animals including humans. We will focus on the life cycle of different animals. We will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival.</p> <p>We will then focus on Plants. We will be observing how seeds grow into plants. We will find out about the conditions plants need to grow and stay healthy.</p>	<p>Go on a nature walk and see how many different sorts of living things you can find. How many different plants can you find? How many different animals can you see?</p>
<p>Computing We will be learning about simple coding this term.</p>	<p>Use tablets and computers at home but not too much! Encourage your child to use the computer sensibly and talk about internet safety.</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>You could do some research to find out about the lives of Queen Elizabeth 1 and Queen Victoria.</p>
<p>Geography We will be learning about the Caribbean.</p> <p>We will locate and name Caribbean islands. We will compare life in the UK to life in the Caribbean.</p>	<p>Try and locate different places on a map.</p> <p>Can you locate the Caribbean islands?</p>
<p>Art Portraits - We will be looking at different portraits and creating our own.</p> <p>We will be designing and making a carnival mask.</p>	<p>Talk about the work of different artists. Compare different styles.</p> <p>Have a go at mixing some colours to make other colours.</p> <p>Observe some plants or fruit and draw them.</p>
<p>DT We will be looking at different fruit from the Caribbean and making our own Caribbean fruit drink.</p>	<p>You could try some Caribbean food at home.</p> <p>Go to a food market and look for Caribbean fruits.</p>
<p>RE We will be listening to creation stories about how the world began.</p> <p>We will be thinking about what it means to say sorry.</p>	<p>You could share stories with your child from different religions and talk about their meaning. What can we learn from them?</p>
<p>Music We will be singing familiar songs and learning some new songs this term. We will be adding some percussion instruments to our songs.</p>	<p>Listen to music with different sounding instruments - identify the instruments.</p> <p>Encourage children to sing songs they have been learning at school.</p>
<p>PE In games, we will be developing our ball skills. We will be rolling, bouncing, kicking, throwing and catching the ball.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to be active! There are lots of ideas on www.nhs.uk/change4life</p> <p>Have a look at the Super Movers activities. You can find them at BBC Sport.</p>
<p>PSHE We will be learning about babies. We will be talking about growing up.</p>	<p>You could look at family photos together. Encourage children to be independent.</p>

Additional Information:

- **Reading books** - Please ensure that your child has their reading book, reading record and book bag in school every day as we will read and change books throughout the week. Please read with your child for 10 minutes every day. Please write a brief comment in the yellow reading record to show that the book has been read.
- **Homework** – 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.
- **Communication books** – Please write a brief description of something you have done over the weekend in the orange home / school communication book. This will help us to support your child when talking about their weekend news on a Monday morning.
- **PE** – 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.
- **Water bottles** - 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