



Reception Doves Autumn 1 Newsletter

## Welcome to 2024- 25!

We hope you all had a lovely Summer break! We would like to welcome all our new children, parents and carers to the Gainsborough family. We look forward to getting to know you all more and a term full of exciting learning!



### Adults Working in Doves

Class Teacher: Mrs Anderson

Teaching assistant: Ms Demi

### Specialist teacher

Forest school and Art: Ms Castellvi

P.E: Coach Terry

# Our learning will be centered around 'Families' and 'Friendship' this term

## The EYFS Curriculum

There are 7 areas of the EYFS curriculum which we cover in our indoor and outdoor provision. These areas are:

### Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Physical Development

### Specific Areas

- Literacy (writing/reading)
  - Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

## Maths

In Reception, children will have opportunities to explore mathematical concepts in all areas of the provision. We will be mastering our recognition of numbers/objects up to 10 (subitising), we will learn about comparison, ordering and composition.

## Writing

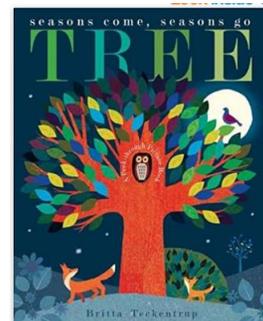
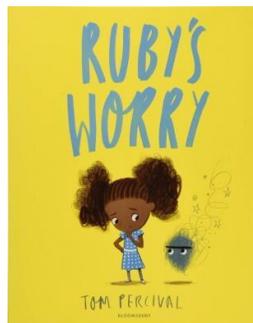
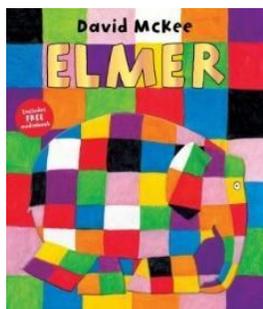
Our learnings this half term are based around the topics; All about me, My community and Animals. We will explore what we like and dislike, building friendships and learning how to self/ co-regulate our emotions. We will begin to use our phonemic awareness to begin writing.

Our core texts for this term are:

Elmer

Ruby's worry

Autumn Tree



## Phonics:

We will be learning our set 1 sounds using Read Write Inc phonics accredited scheme.

## Homework:

We will be giving out reading books for children and family to read at home. This includes a reading for pleasure book and a book linked to your child's phonics level, that supports children's writing and communication skills. Homework will be given out **every Friday** and should be returned on the following **Wednesday**.



## Topic

All About Me

In the first two weeks we will share experiences of our home, family, friends and communities. Please bring in a family picture of your child from home or send one to [admin@gainsborough.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gainsborough.hackney.sch.uk) with the title 'Reception photo'. We will use these to discuss the similarities and differences in different families. These pictures will also be used on our family tree in the home corner to represent children's families.

## Forest School

Forest School is a fantastic opportunity to learn outdoors. **Forest School will take place starting from Autumn 1.** Children will need to come to school in suitable Forest School clothing as we learn the skills needed to be safe and successful at Forest School .

Children will need wellington boots and our sessions will be on every **Wednesday**.

## P.E

P.E. sessions will take place **every Tuesday**, Please ensure your child is wearing a school PE kit when they come to school on Thursdays.

## Seesaw

We will be using Seesaw (<http://seesaw.me>), an online journal to document what your child's learning in class.

In order to view your child's journal you will be invited via a school letter. You will need to download the family app to your phone (giving you access to your child's learning journal) and choose to be notified when new content is added.



## Floor Book

Each class will have a floor book to record all the learnings in both carpet sessions and continuous provisions that children have engaged in as a class. Over the term children will have opportunities to refer back to their previous learning and add comments if they want to.

## Family Fridays

We would like to invite you into our class to do activities with your child from 9:00-9:30am every other Friday. Our Family Friday dates for are:

October 4th 2024 - Family theme activities.

October 18th 2024 -pet themed activities.



# Junk modeling and loose parts

We use a lot of natural resources in our play to provoke imagination and we would appreciate your help with recycling items for our junk modeling sessions, such as water bottles, cardboard paper, or any loose part items such as lids, corks, pinecones, pebbles and shells.



## Useful information

- Water bottles: Children do not need to bring a water bottle to school as we provide individual bottles in class.
- Label uniforms and spare clothes: Please provide a spare change of clothes for your child and label the uniforms.
- Clubs
  - Breakfast clubs 8.00-8.45
  - After school clubs 3.45-5.00
  - Playcentre 5.00-6.00

Please note our after school club will not provide dinners for children, please bring snacks for your child if you have signed up for after school clubs.

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