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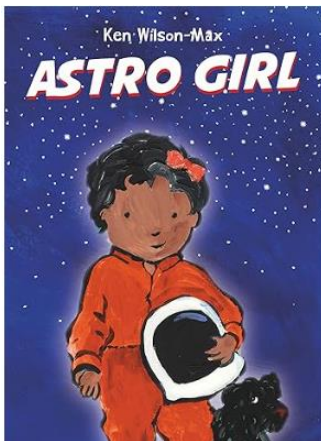
Reception Spring Term Topic Letter

WHEN I GROW UP

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a relaxing break. I'm really excited about the term ahead. The children made such fantastic progress during the Autumn term and they have quickly settled back in and are ready for the learning opportunities ahead.

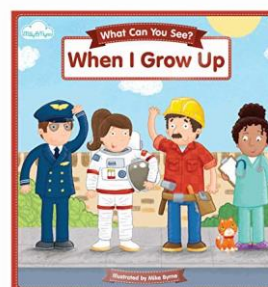
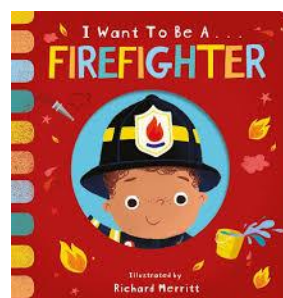
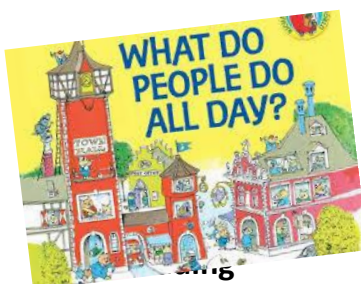
This term our topic is **When I Grow Up**



The children are really excited by our new topic and we have already started having great discussions about occupations that interest them. Role-play will play a significant role in this topic, as it is a fantastic way to develop communication and language skills, social skills, and creative thinking. We will also include as many independent writing opportunities in the role-play areas as possible. We will have role-play days where we will pretend to be firefighters, vets, and other occupations of interest. On Wednesday 29th January, please arrange a costume as we will dress up as our desired occupation. If your child wishes to dress as a princess, pirate even a dinosaur this is completely fine! Please don't purchase anything just let me know if this isn't possible as I have plenty spare

costumes. Throughout the term, we will have real-life experiences, such as a visit from the firefighters at Kentish Town Fire Station, who will bring their fire engine for us to explore. We also have a vet experience planned during our trip to the zoo.















So far the children have expressed an interest in astronauts, firefighters, police, vets, footballers, doctors, artist and musicians. If you have any knowledge or special talents in these areas that you would be happy to share, please let me know!



Please continue reading with your child every day. It's one of the most effective ways to support their learning and development. This term, the children will continue to have three reading sessions with me each week. Please ensure your child brings their book bag every day, as the book-changing day may vary depending on the week's schedule. Remember, they are always welcome to swap their picture books whenever they like. We will also make sure to change their book during our weekly session. If you have any questions about their books, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Phonics

I am so impressed with the progress the children have made in their phonics learning so far! This term, we will continue to follow the Little Wandle programme. On this page, <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>, you will find resources to help you support your child with saying their sounds and letter formations. There are also helpful videos that show how these skills are taught in school, so you can feel confident supporting their reading at home. This half term, we will be focusing on the following digraphs (two letters making one sound) and trigraphs (three letters making one sound).

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Review Autumn Learning	 ai tail in the rain	 oo zoom to the moon	 ur curl the fur	 air chair in the air	Review week
	 ee sheep in a jeep	 oo hook a book	 ow wow owl	 er a bigger digger	
	 igh a light in the night	 ar march in the dark	 oi boing boing		
	 oa soap that goat	 or born with a horn	 ear get near to hear		

After half term, we will revisit any sounds that may need more practice and focus on applying them to both reading and spelling. Some of these, particularly the trigraphs, can take a bit more time.

One great way to support their phonetic understanding at home is by playing oral blending games, like the ones I shared during parents' evening. If you need another copy, just let me know. This term, the children will be working on blending longer words, which requires them to hold more sounds in their memory. Practicing this orally will really help them make progress.

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, repeating patterns and 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.

Trips

Please note that for the upcoming trips, I will be considering who volunteered for the first trip and will be seeking different volunteers this time to ensure that all families have the opportunity to get involved.

Notes

No Forest School this term.

PE will be on Friday's each week with Coach Keely.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, 22nd January: Kentish Town Firefighter Visit – In-school visit

Wednesday, 29th January: Occupation Dress Up Day

Thursday, 6th February: Stay and Play

Wednesday, 26th February: London Zoo, Vet Workshop – Pack lunch required

Thursday, 6th March: World Book Day

Monday, 10th March: Orchestras of the Age Concert at Gospel Oak – No packed lunch required

Wednesday, 19th March: Hampstead Heath Walking Trip

Thursday, 28th March: Last day of school – 2:00pm finish

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Shanae Hoschke

Reception Teacher