



The Early Years Foundation Stage involves the school working in partnership with you. All the children should be having valuable outdoor experiences to develop their learning in all areas. Therefore we will be encouraging all children to use the outdoor area every day in all weathers. Please put sunscreen on your child on days when it is particularly hot and bring a hat. Please also make sure that these and your child's uniform are clearly named.

**Communication, Language and Literacy:**

Our new topic this term in Lea class is Growth. We are going to be describing plants, flowers, living things and looking at the seasons. We will be attempting to write simple sentences and continuing to use our phonic sounds to help us write labels. Practicing reading familiar words (high frequency words), recognising the sounds and linking them to the letters of the alphabet. We will be beginning to attempt to read simple books independently using our fingers to track words and using pictures/sounding out to help us when words are tricky. We will continue developing confidence to speak in a large group.

**How to help your child at home:**

Talk about their growth, what they were like when they were born and discussing what they are able to do now. Encourage your child to talk about nature in the environment. **Please try in your spare time to hear your child read, encouraging them to follow using their finger to track the words. Get them to practice and read the 'first 45 words' in preparation for Year One (please ask Chloe for a copy if you do not have one).**

**Maths:**

We are going to be looking at doubling, halving and sharing. We will be continuing to use concrete resources to help us, counting objects with developing accuracy using 1:1 correspondence. We are learning to add and subtract single-digit numbers to find a total, recognising numerals 1-20 and finding one more than and one less than a given number up to 20. We will be recapping 2d and 3d shapes. (cone, pyramid, cube and sphere). We will also be exploring money, time and measure.

**How to help your child home:**

Practise sharing out items and using objects such as fruit and food to model making halves. Use counters or household objects to model simple addition and subtraction. Use a range of mathematical language such as add, subtract, equals, whole, half, double and share.

**Understanding of the World:**

**Knowledge and Understanding of the World:**

We will be continuing with our planting and growing of seeds. We will be working in the science garden alongside the school gardener to tend to vegetables. We will be exploring the local area and continuing to learn how to care for the environment. Developing our ICT skills including using I-pads and continuing to discuss different likes/dislikes and beliefs held by others.

**How to help your child home:**

Take them out to the local parks, discuss the local wildlife/habitats and help them to observe where different fruits and vegetables grow. Allow them to build their ICT skills and continue to talk to them about important family celebrations and what makes them unique and special.

**Creative development**

Expressing ourselves through a number of ways including role-play, music and movement. Our role play area this half term is a garden centre, where children can pretend to work in a shop and be the customer. Exploring a range of different art materials, we will be using clay to make models and will get

to experiment using African drums and dancing. We will continue to act out our favourite familiar and new stories.

**How to help your child at home:**

Giving your child plenty of opportunities to be creative e.g. drawing, painting, cutting and sticking pictures from magazines, singing, dancing and using instruments e.g. drumming. Use junk modelling to represent ideas.

**Personal, Social and Emotional development**

As we prepare for year one in the last term we will be really focusing on enabling the children to become independent learners and allowing them to foster skills such as perseverance and resilience to help them reach their full potential on their learning journey. We are going to be continuing to learn how to work as part of a group. Learning to understand what choices to make and understanding why, such as sharing fairly and waiting for our turn. We will be thinking about our goals and also celebrating all of our achievements in Reception.

**How to help your child at home:** By talking about year one to prepare them for the change of routine and to allow them to celebrate their achievements and work towards their new goals.

**Physical development**

This term Lea class will be continuing to explore movement using their bodies in a number of different ways through PE and Gymnastics. Learning to move safely inside and outside including riding bicycles. Practicing throwing and catching with increasing accuracy and playing team games to develop awareness of how to be a good sports person.

**How to help your child at home:** Giving them plenty of opportunities to write, draw and cut. Old magazines and catalogues are ideal for children to practice cutting along lines and shapes. Playing ball games and helping them to use equipment in parks safely.

**A message from your child's teacher**

Welcome back after the holiday! Again, a huge thank you for all your hard work and support. We will be arranging a Class trip to Hackney City Farm for later this half term and hoping for good weather! Please ensure that your child is in school every day on time and that all their uniform is clearly labelled. Bookbags are to come to school on a Friday so we can change books for the weekend. Thank you for all your support. **Gymnastics is on a Thursday morning**, please can children not wear tights on a Thursday so they can do gymnastics in their bare feet.

Chloe & the Lea class team 😊

Thank you,  
Chloe & Hira & Elif & Kim

School starts promptly at 8.50am and ends at 3.30pm

Please inform the school if your child is sick

Thank you.