Parkdale School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Welcome to Reception!

We are so excited to begin a new year with you and your children. If you ever want to ask us about how your child is doing, please feel free to email us and we will arrange a time to talk to you.

Our Website will be very active and we remind you to check your GDPR options if you would prefer not to see your child featured in these posts. We will share your child’s learning journey with you, via our Tapestry app.

“The World and My Place In It”

This term we are beginning with an exciting topic for Reception, as part of the whole school’s focus on identity and our culture. In the first half term Reception will be thinking about “What Makes Me Special?” and celebrating their identities. Together they will look at their favourite things, their family background and think about how different it is to be 4/5 in 2023 compared to their parents’ childhoods. At the end of the half term, they will make a virtual time capsule, celebrating their favourite things. We are also trying to organise a trip to do some outdoor learning because, in Reception, we love to get our wellies on and learn in nature! Hopefully, we will have some more details about this soon!

In the second half term, we will be talking about our community, and our country in our topic; “Where, and Who, do We Get Our Values From?,” and thinking about the history, food, culture, people and geography that make the countries of the UK unique. We really hope this will involve some exciting food tasting, craft and experience days.

Can you help us?

We have some exciting activities planned and would really appreciate your support with some of these. In a couple of weeks, we will be talking about when YOU, the parents, were 4 or 5. We would love to hear from you about the things that you loved; your favourite tv-show, toy or story book. You can either pop it on a note OR we would LOVE a very short video clip. WE KNOW this might be out of your comfort zone but your children would absolutely love to see you in their lesson, saying something like…..

“Hi I’m Evie’s mum. When I was five, I LOVED to watch Button Moon!” Please upload any clips to Tapestry.

How can you help your child?

Attached you will find an update to the Parkdale approach to homework.

Your child will have the opportunity to share their reading books with their Teachers each week. We cannot emphasise enough that daily reading at home will have an enormous impact upon your child’s progress. Please record, whenever you read at home, as we all are working to be Reading at Home Champions and win prizes for our class. (This year we are launching a new digital reading record, information to follow).

Thank you again, for all of your support. We can’t wait to get to know you and for you to become part of our wonderful community at Parkdale. We know lots of you are already part of our Parkdale family and we are just as happy to see you again! Enjoy your child’s first year at our school.

Thank you from

The Reception Team