



Nurturing &  
growing together

# Reception Autumn Term 2023

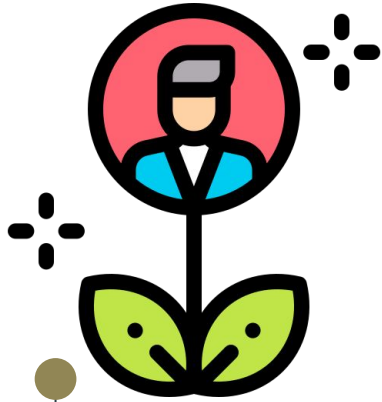
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# WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO IMPROVE LEARNING AND OUTCOMES AT STAR



*Each year we decide which parts of school need improving.  
We decide what will have a **'BIG'** impact on your child's education.  
Star's big five priorities for 2023/24 are...*

# The Big Five



# STAR PRIMARY'S 5 KEY LEARNING FEATURES:



Questioning



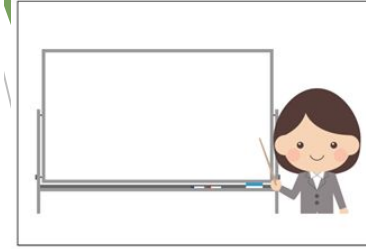
Scaffolding



Vocabulary



Strategic pairings



Modelling



All our teachers, support staff, lunch staff and leaders agree that these 5 ways support and challenge our children to be great learners.

**Challenge for families-**  
Ask your children how teachers help them learn and see what they say?

# Who is in the Year Group?

- ▶ **Miss Borley** - Phase Group Leader
- ▶ **Ms Prochniak** - Year Group Leader
- ▶ **Ms Prochniak (RP)**- Class Teacher
- ▶ **Ms Barber (RB)**- Class Teacher
- ▶ **Ms Patel (RU)** - Class Teacher
- ▶ Deputy Head with responsibility for the phase - Insert name





Autumn 1:



# RIGHTS -WE ARE FOCUSING ON RESPECT + IN RSHE (PSED), BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

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<https://star.newham.sch.uk/our-learning/curriculum/>



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## PSED

- see themselves as valuable individuals
- build constructive and respectful relationships

## PD

- revise the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired (rolling, crawling, walking, jumping, running, hopping, skipping, climbing)

## Autumn 1 Human Rights

## Maths

- Count objects, actions and sounds.
- Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value.

## EA&D

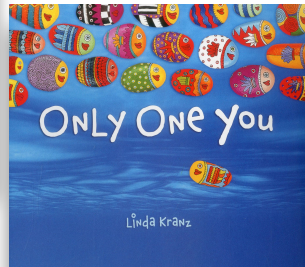
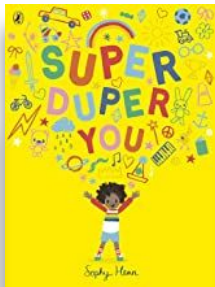
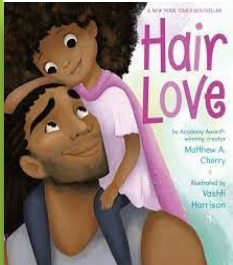
- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.

## UTW

- Talk about members of their immediate family and community.
- Name and describe people who are familiar to them.

## Literacy:

- independently write their names
- read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.
- blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences.





## Autumn 2: Media Mayhem



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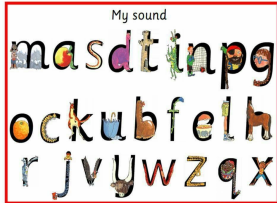
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# Phonics in Year R



## What is Phonics?

- Phonics teaches children strategies to help them read and write.
- Phonics focuses on the sound letters make and aims to help children read and write words (e.g. c-a-t), leading them on to read and write sentences!
- Phonics takes place all day! From lessons of 30 minutes to child initiated play!

## How can I help my child?

- Sound mat!
- Encourage your child to write (tripod grip, sounds they can hear/have been taught)
- Phonics can take place anywhere anytime, e.g. segmenting words in conversation - c-oa-t, identifying sounds in labels at the shop, on buses, iPad game, toys, food packaging!

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics



# Maths in Year R

## Maths No Problem & Mastering Number



**Structured learning & embedded play** - structure and play are both vital to how children learn. The Foundations programme of guided learning delivers an enriched experience that is truly the start of a long-term, secure and adaptable understanding of maths.

- Alongside MNP, the Mastering Number programme will help Reception children be more fluent and confident in mathematical thinking and reasoning.
- Every Maths lesson begins with a Mastering Number starter with a heavy focus on subitising and number composition. All starters are short, fun, engaging and aim for all children to participate.
- Snappy animation and loveable characters combined with engaging storylines, gently introduce concepts of number to support early mathematical understanding.

### Mathletics

- All children will receive their Mathletics login and password.
- Lots of fun games, competitions and quizzes! The children can receive certificates after they finish different levels!

# Reading



Star Primary is a reading school. We encourage children to read at least three books a week:

1. Their home school reading books (books taken to and from school every day)
2. A book from the school library or Bug Club
3. An Oxford Owl book available on the Oxford Owl platform - please see newsletters for year group log in reminders.

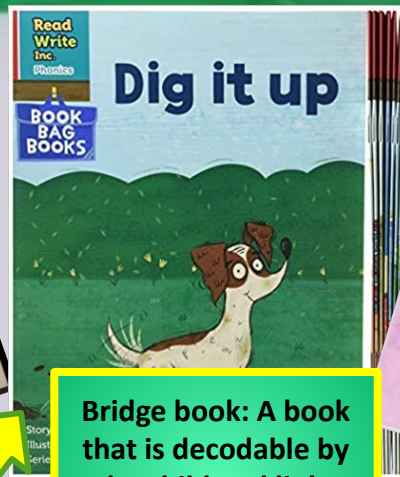
Please listen to your child read everyday and leave a comment on his/her reading record.

# Home-School Reading: Reception



**Home-School Reading record**  
For parents to record

**Oxford Reading Tree book**  
linked to their reading band and exposes them to more high frequency words

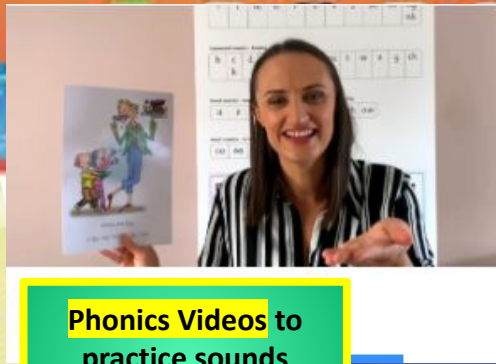


**Bridge book: A book that is decodable by the child and links directly to their phonics knowledge**

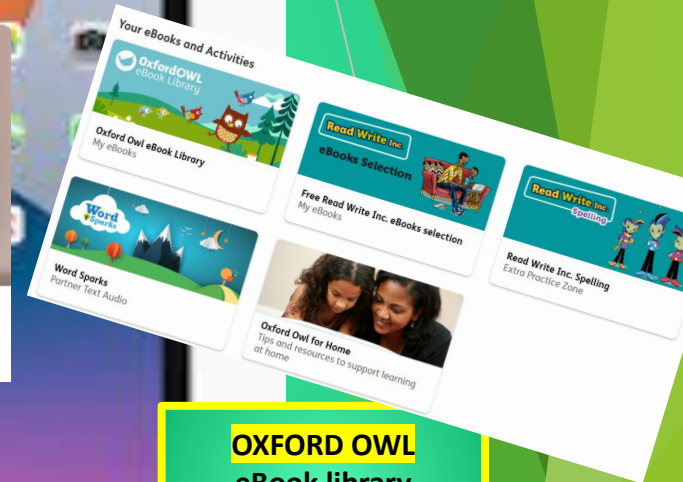
# What's in your virtual book bag?



**Bug Club**  
eBooks  
Logins in reading journals



**Phonics Videos** to practice sounds (EYFS & KS1)



**OXFORD OWL**  
eBook library & Spelling practise



# Child initiated play in Year R



real life imagination  
opportunities



cooking

risk taking



reading



# Meet our Learning Power Characters!



# Tapestry



- ▶ Tapestry is an online learning journal where observations of your children are recorded so you are frequently informed about their learning and progress.
- ▶ We encourage you to share your child's experiences at home, the children will be able to share these entries with their friends.
- ▶ A great opportunity for us to work together to ensure your child reaches their full potential.



# General Information

## Attendance and Punctuality


- ▶ Must arrive on time at 7:50 am ready to start learning at 8:00am. Ye
- ▶ **Bedtime and breakfast**
- ▶ Early bedtime for 9-10 hours sleep. Remove devices before sleeping.
- ▶ Brighter starts Breakfast snack!

## Speaking to class teacher



- ▶ Teacher > Head of year > Phase leader.  
(add year group email)



# EAT YOUR BREAKFAST AT STAR!




A breakfast snack for all pupils at 7:50 am!  
Star will be providing a selection of breakfast options to boost energy levels and alertness, ready for learning.



Your child's brighter start will continue with singing in class which helps enhance memory and improve mental health. Singing also releases endorphins, serotonin and dopamine – the 'happy' chemicals that boost your mood and make you feel good about yourself!

We can't wait!





# Attention all parents!

## Download the ParentMail App for the best way to pick up school messages

**FREE  
DOWNLOAD**

*"Nice simple little App but such a great, effective way of accessing important school information"*



*"Great communications tool - makes life a bit more organised"*



*"Brilliant! I don't have to go back to all my emails to check up what's going on at my children's school, 10 out of 10"*



Search "ParentMail" in your App store...



All correspondence from Star, payments, club bookings and consent for trips will be sent electronically through Parent mail.

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*Article 28*



# Attendance

- ▶ **FACT - Attendance is the key to success for our pupils.**
- ▶ We expect children to come to school **every day.**
- ▶ Your child only needs to be at home if *very unwell*. You must call the school if your child is unwell + the school will advise.
- ▶ Most winter illnesses, such as colds will pass and children should be in school. This is common at this time of year, in all children.
- ▶ Any other illness can be discussed with the pastoral team and advice can be given.
- ▶ **Persistent lateness, unauthorised absence and low percentages of attendance will result in fines and potential local authority involvement.**

# Uniform

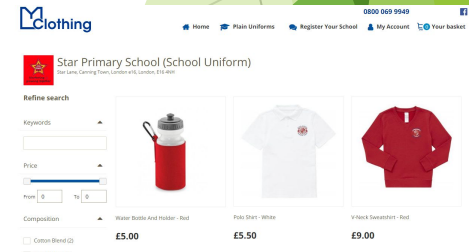
We are proud that our STAR uniform creates a sense of belonging.

Information about school uniform can be found on the school website -

<http://star.newham.sch.uk/information/school-uniform/>

Main school uniform can only be ordered from

<https://myclothing.com/>



# NEW PE and Fit Friday options.

For the new school year we are offering families the chance to buy personalised hooded tops for PE days and for FIT Fridays.



**FIT FRIDAYS - A personalised red hooded jumper with initials on, to be worn over Fit Friday t-shirt.**



**PE - A personalised black hooded top with initials on, to be worn over white PE t-shirt.**



<https://www.personalisedjustforyou.org.uk/>

# PE Kit is to be worn to school on PE days



- ▶ PE is every **Tuesday**

- ▶ White PE t-shirt
- ▶ Black shorts



- ▶ Black plimsolls/trainers and socks
- ▶ Black tracksuit bottoms in cold weather

- ▶ **NEW** Black hooded top (Optional)

**FIT** Friday





# To remember:



- ▶ All your child's items need to be labelled.
- ▶ Bring in a water bottle.
- ▶ Wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions.
- ▶ Ensure your child has a set of spare clothes in their bags.





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# Looking ahead



- ▶ Phonics workshop- 10th October 08:00am- **Save the date**
- ▶ Olympic park trip- 9th November 2023 - **Save the date**
- ▶ Regularly check Reception newsletter for all the updates



# Questions

- ▶ We would like to answer your questions in detail so please email the school with your query or email to [info@star.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@star.newham.sch.uk).
- ▶ Title: YEAR \_ PIM MEETING QUESTION

