



September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to the Reception Class at Streatham Wells Primary School. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your child and to working in partnership with you throughout the year. This year our class names are named after role models who inspire us.



Our class name is David Attenborough. This person is an inspiration to us because as a biologist he cares a lot about our planet and all living things and as a broadcaster he wows us with amazing documentaries about nature. Take time to chat with your child about him and see if you can collect some more information about him!

Communication and Language

We will have many circle times and will be encouraging the children to talk about themselves, their families and their feelings. We will support the children to listen carefully to each other and respond to each other in appropriate ways.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be helping your child to settle happily into their new class. This will involve learning our daily routines, getting to know the adults and children and of course having lots of fun! We will encourage the children to play together in all areas of the classroom and support them in taking turns and sharing.

Our topic for this half term is:

Knowing Yourself



Literacy

In the classroom the children have access to a wide range of books and writing materials to develop their interest in reading and writing. Through messy play and fine motor activities your child will learn to hold pencils effectively and form letters correctly. With the help of our topic book: 'Super Milly and the Super School Day', we will be discovering everybody's super power.

We will soon begin our Read Write Inc. phonics programme, which will introduce the children to the shapes and sounds of different letters. Your support with this is invaluable and your child's success relies greatly upon the support that they receive not only in class but also at home. When we begin

the programme, we will send home a detailed letter explaining how you can support your child with phonics at home.

Mathematical Development

This half term we will be focusing on counting actions and objects to 10 and beyond and developing an understanding of numeral and quantity. We will also be investigating shape, looking at both 2 and 3 dimensional shapes.

Understanding the world

The children will have many opportunities to play with small world toys in relation to their own interests such as dinosaurs, animals, sea-life, trains and our 'Superheroes' role play area.

Physical Development

The children will develop their control of different tools such as scissors, hammers and tweezers. They will also have opportunities to climb, and balance in our garden and will also be taking part in daily meditation sessions.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be given daily opportunities to explore a variety of media and materials and make their own 2D and 3D artwork. They will also explore different musical instruments and have daily singing sessions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of the Early Years staff.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable half term, getting to know you and your child.

Judit, Maria and Tara