



Fortnightly Update –Friday 11th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The time seems to be flying by at George Tomlinson; we are already nearing the end of the first half term! The children have all done extremely well and deserve a good break when it comes.

Last Monday Craig the Story teller was back in school. He is always incredibly entertaining and funny, and knows just how to engage the children and staff!



On Friday we had our clothes swap, thank you to all those who brought in clothes. Now we need you to recycle and reuse! So please come and take some clothes at the next swap, and in doing so, help the environment. There are lots of lots of children's clothes in really good condition.

This Wednesday, Year 1 went on a trip to the Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green. It was thoroughly enjoyed by children, staff and parents! Thank you to all those who were able to come and support the children and staff, your help is always greatly appreciated.

Also, every Wednesday you are welcome to come and join your children for lunch. However there are only five spaces per week so please make sure you reserve your space with someone from the office beforehand.

On Thursday, Reception parents had their first reading workshop. It was great to see how many parents took the time to attend. I hope you found it useful. If you have any

questions regarding reading please let myself or your class teacher know which days. We hope to see even more of you next week for the phonics workshop, same time and place!



Finally a plea for Socks!!

Please bring in any old pairs of socks to your class teacher, especially needed in Nursery and Reception.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend!

Jessica Mendelssohn

EYFS Lead AHT and interim DHT

NURSERY

Last week we celebrated Zaron and Ralph's birthday, they were both 4 years old. Zaron bought one of our favourite stories for us all to share in nursery 'The Tiger who came to Tea.'

Ralph brought in a new book that we have never read before called 'Supertato' and we all loved it. A big 'thank you' to both Zaron and Ralph for your fabulous books.





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We had an exciting time when the chickens came to visit us. We watched them explore the garden and escape through the fence! L.J and Tianna were learning to use their gentle hands when they were holding the chickens and helping to take them back home to their coop.



RECEPTION

Reception have been learning to retell the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have created our own actions, and can retell the story remembering all the repeated refrains. The children have particularly enjoyed the ending when the wolf falls into the pot and ends up 'with his bottom as red as a radish'!



Thea's Three Little Pigs story map. Well done Thea! Aaria and Cleo retelling the Three Little Pigs story using the story props.



In Maths we have been exploring number - last week we were splitting items into two groups and this week we have been matching objects to the correct number.

We started our phonics groups last week. These are going really well. The children have begun to learn how to read and write some individual sounds. Do help your child to practise the new sounds at home. We will be holding a Phonics Workshop for parents next Thursday 17th October, so do come along for tips on how you can support your child at home. If you are unable to make it, we will have an information booklet available after the workshop.

We all look forward to our trips to the school field. Last week we were hunting for mini-beasts and this week we did a scavenger hunt. We had to be scientists, looking carefully at the similarities and differences between animals and objects.

Sarah and her collection from the scavenger hunt and Leo looking closely at a slug



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Samir, Alex and Anaaya M on the field doing the scavenger hunt.



Finally, during free flow, Ben, Leo and Finlay enjoying the Opticians role play area making appointments and testing eyes.



YEAR 1

This week year 1 visited the Museum of Childhood. The children had an opportunity to play with lots of toys from history. We took part in a workshop called Toys on a Timeline. We compared toys today with toys that our parents and grandparents would have played with.



We discussed how toys have changed. We then used our detective skills to work out which toys were the oldest and which were the newest.

WEEKLY DATES

Toddler group is BACK!!!



Wednesday mornings - 9.00 – 10.45am – Toddler Group. Please come and join in the fun. This session is open to all friends and family in the local area. Due to its popularity please arrive before 9.30am.



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Afternoon toddler group is finished for the term and will start again soon!! Watch this space!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest Festival Donations – please bring dry foods and tins in to the office. We will be collecting for a George Tomlinson Food bank open to anyone in our school community in need!

Thank you so much for all your donations so far!! The Basket is brimming with tasty and useful provisions.

October

Thursday 17th - Reception family morning
9.00-9.45am

Thursday 17th - Reception phonics workshop
3.30 – 4.00pm, Otters class.

Reception library visits Wednesday 16th October 2019 at 13:00pm - 1 Class (Otters)

Thursday 17th October 2109 at 13:00pm – 1 Class (Hedgehogs)

Thursday 17th October 2019 at 2 pm – 1 Class (Pine Martens)

Thursday 17th - Family morning in Reception
Friday 18th – Last day before half term
Monday 28th – Children back to school
Thursday 30th Reception Maths workshop

November -

AM nursery visit to the library Tuesday 5th
PM nursery visit to the library Thursday 7th

27th Otter class trip to Leytonstone fire station
28th Pine Martens class trip to Leytonstone fire station
29th Hedgehogs class trip to Leytonstone fire station

December

Friday 20th - Last day of term Years Reception – Y6 finish at 1.30pm

Friday 20th ***Please note Nursery also has shortened sessions on the last day, please see timings below.**

**AM Nursery 8.45 – 10.45am
PM Nursery 11.30 – 1.30 pm
FT Nursery 8.45 – 1.30pm**

Inset day 6th January 2020

Tuesday 7th January 2020 first day back