



BROOKFIELD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new term at Brookfield! This half-term our theme in Reception is 'Creatures'. We will spend time learning about Wolves, Dinosaurs, and more. We will end the half term with an amazing workshop which will include a huge animatronics dinosaur visiting our school! Next half term our theme will be 'People Who Help Us' and 'Superheroes.' Within these topics we will be developing key literacy and mathematical skills with daily work on counting and phonics.

Some Key Notes:

P.E - P.E. will be moving to Wednesday mornings for both classes. We will be working on gross motor skills using obstacle courses in the bottom hall with various apparatus. Children should have a P.E. kit in school (a T-shirt, shorts and either trainers or plimsolls) that they can change into independently. A school P.E. kit is available from the office. **Please ensure the kit is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.** Please ensure your child can take off and put on their own shoes and socks.

Reading - As with last term, we will continue to send home two phonics books for your children to read with you. Please check your child's reading record for notes from the teachers about the particular sounds your child is working on. In addition to this, each week children will choose a picture book from the reading corner to take home. This is for you to enjoy with your child, and not something we would expect them to be able to read themselves. Please read these books at home with your child, initial and comment in their reading record books each time you read. **Please make sure that your child brings their book bag in every day.**

Weekly Key Children - In each class we will have 3 weekly key children this term. This will enable us over the term to spend time with focused observations and differentiated planning for each child. This term, rather than having one big evening of parent meetings we will meet with parents the week after their child has been the focus child. These will be organized with teachers individually and a schedule of children's Key Child weeks will be on the parent board in the corridor.

WOW Cards - Sharing WOW cards with their class has allowed your children to grow in confidence and celebrate their successes. Thank you to those parents who have partnered with us in this. We will continue this throughout the rest of the year and would love even more participation. Spare cards can be found outside the classrooms. We encourage you to fill in 'Wow' cards with anything you would like to share with us about your child's progress and successes. It could be that your child did some fantastic counting, or that they dressed themselves in the morning.

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Need Extra Support? - We are pleased to introduce Kathryn Fenton, our new Tavistock Outreach in Primary Schools (TOPS) therapist. Kathryn is available on alternate Tuesday mornings in school to support children and families in an informal and flexible way. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you are interested in meeting Kathryn, she is next in school 16th January.

Nursery Places - Does your child have a sibling who turns 3 before January 2019? Brookfield is offering the opportunity for them (and you!) to come visit our excellent nursery.

Please come to one of our stay and play sessions 9.30 - 10.30am, Wednesday 17th and 24th January to find out more.

- Creative, child centred and rich provision
- Excellent outdoor area
- Weekly Forest School
- Full time and part time places
- Up to 30 free hours available

Applications are currently being accepted for start dates in September 2018 and January 2019. Call 020 7272 9627 or visit the school office for further information

Getting in Touch - You can always catch us at the end of the day to discuss any small issues. If you would like to talk in more detail we can arrange an appointment after school or contact us by e-mail.

Sus' email - s.march@brookfield.camden.sch.uk

Kate's email - k.nightingale@brookfield.camden.sch.uk

Seren's email - s.quested@brookfield.camden.sch.uk

Important Dates:

February 7th - Dinosaur Workshop @ Brookfield AM
 February 12th-16th - Half Term
 March 1st - World Book Day
 TBC - Trip to Fire station
 April 27th - Last Day of Term

Regards,

The Reception team - Sus, Kate, Seren, Georgina, Elisha, Gaby, Emily and Kayleigh

RS Class Events - a quick reminder!

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Music		PE Reading books changed		

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Music	Forest School	PE Reading books changed		

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