

Welcome to Reception with Mrs Wyatt, Mrs Johnson and Miss Lock January-February 2025



Welcome back and happy new year! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful break.

What a busy half term we had learning about different celebrations. We have learnt about the Hindu festival Diwali including traditional story of Rama and Sita, discovered why Bonfire night is celebrated and what happens on a birthday before finally learning about why Christians celebrate Christmas. We hope you enjoyed our festive performance and I think you'll agree that the all of the children worked so hard and did so well!

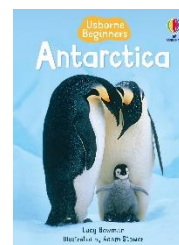
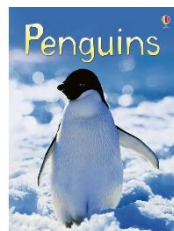
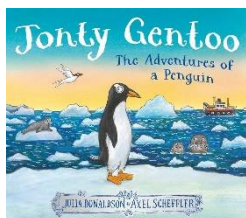
It has been so wonderful to see so many of you at the workshops that have taken place so far this year , Phonics, Maths and a stay and play! Hopefully this has helped you in understanding the way we teach reading and Maths at Little London and how you can support at home.



This half term our theme will be '**Winter**'. We will be learning about Antarctica, comparing it to Leeds and other places we have visited and discover the animals who live there. We will be learning lots of information about these animals using our non-fiction books to help us. We'll be exploring and comparing the different seasons and the weather outside.



To support our learning, we will be reading a range of books such as, Jonty Gentoo, Penguins and Antarctica.



Reading & Phonics:

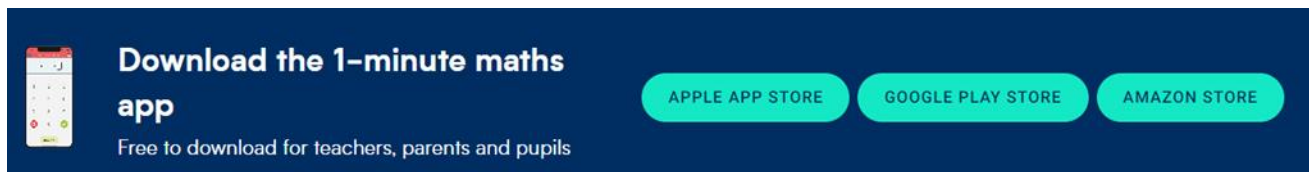
This term, the children continue to follow the Read, Write, Inc Phonics scheme. As well as learning new sounds, they will recap the sounds they have already learnt to become confident when blending them together to read words.

This term we will be developing our comprehension skills and learning about story characters and settings from Jonty Gentoo by Julia Donaldson. This will then lead into our non-fiction topic about Antarctica where we will learn lots of facts and information about Emperor penguins. We will be using the skills we have learnt in phonics to listen for sounds in words and to write labels, captions and short sentences.

Maths:

In maths we will continue to build our understanding of numbers, focussing on numbers 6,7 and 8. The children become more confident to explore how each number is made up of smaller numbers. Using songs and games, we will also learn about the importance of zero. We will be continuing to develop our subitising skills. If you would like to support your child at home with subitising please see this link to a game that can be played on devices to support the subitising skills called '1 minute maths app'. You can find the 1-minute maths app that is free to download for teachers, parents and pupils here – <https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths#download>

It can also be downloaded as an app – see below.



As you are aware, at Little London we use Tapestry and Class Dojo to share your child's learning with you. We post some helpful videos and messages that will support your child with their learning at home. Don't forget to 'like' the posts we share with you to help us see you have read it!

We aim to keep you up to date with upcoming events and to tell you about ways you may be able to support your child's learning at home.



Please label your child's clothing, we want to make sure that uniform stays with the right people. We ask that this includes coats and shoes as we will be accessing our amazing outside area in all weathers and might need to wear our wellies sometimes if it's wet. If your child needs to borrow clothes from school can we please ask that these clothes are washed and returned to school promptly. Thank you for your support with this.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to talk to us at the end of the day or get in touch on ClassDojo messenger.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing your child continue to thrive at Little London Academy.

Many thanks,
The Reception Team

Important Dates:

Monday 6th January – Return to school

Friday 14th February - Break up for half term holiday



Things you can do to help:

- Reading bedtime stories at home, if you don't have any story books to read to your child please come and see us and we can help with this.
- Talking with them as you walk to and from school and visit places.
- Looking at Tapestry regularly, as we will be sharing what we have been learning in class and how you can help at home.

