



John Donne Primary School

Woods Road, Peckham, SE15 2SW

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Reception!

Our topic this Half Term is *Ourselves*. Our main priority is to familiarise the children with their new class and teacher to ensure each child feels happy and secure in their new environment.

The adults working across Reception are as follows:

	Green Reception	Red Reception
Teacher	Pip Edmonds/Esther Shepherd	Judy Cadogan
Nursery Nurse	Sarah Kimber Joe Wine	Liz Tildesley
Reading and Mealtime supervisor	Meryam Mustafa	

This term in Literacy, the children will explore stories, songs and rhymes linked into our weekly themes. Soon, they will begin to learn the letters and sounds of the alphabet through their daily Phonics work.

In Numeracy, we will begin the term with a focus on counting and the number system. The children will learn through a range of practical activities, songs and games. They will develop skills in counting objects, saying number names in order and recognising numerals to 20 and beyond.



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Our weekly themes will be linked closely into the Literacy and Phonics work. The children will become immersed in a new letter of the alphabet each day and will engage in practical activities which link to this letter.

Please read below:

At John Donne we have pioneered a creative approach to phonics teaching, called 'Fabulous Phonics.' Our system is 'Letters and Sounds' with additional exciting materials, and we are very proud of the excellent progress that our children usually make in reading and writing during their Reception year.

We achieve this level of success by working in collaboration with our parents and carers to support the children's learning at home, and we offer termly workshops to help you.

Look out for up and coming dates for the following parent workshops this term:

There will be a short introduction to 'Fabulous Phonics.' by Ruth Moyler with resources to support learning at home.

Family Reading Workshop 1 with Ruth Moyler

Find out how your child is learning to read with Phase 2 phonics.

Most parents are unfamiliar with this system, so we all learn together!

Coffee and Tea is available, and free resources given to all.

A limited crèche facility is also available - please book in the School Office

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Many Thanks

Esther Shepherd & Judy Cadogan