Community coffee mornings - Thursdays @ 9am!
Check our website:
www.drew.newham.sch.uk/Parents/Parent-Workshops
to see when they are and the theme is.



Great attendance for great learning!

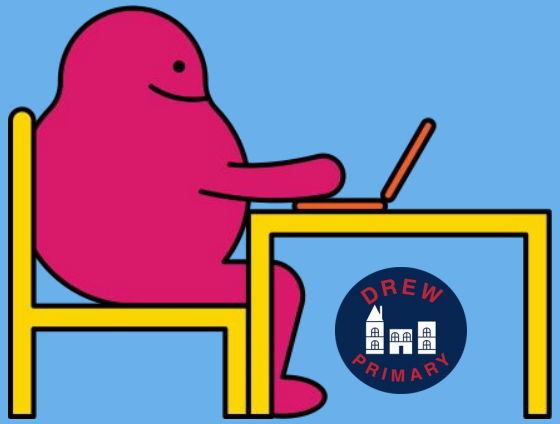
- come **every day**
- gates open at **8.40am**
- **no holidays** in term time

Welcome back!

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

This half term's learning:



Our Theme: All About Me / People Who Help Us

Topic

Over the next few weeks, we'll be getting to know each other and learning all about ourselves, our families and where we live. We'll talk about what makes us special, how we look and how we feel. **We'd love your child to bring in a few family photos to share with their friends and talk about the special people in their lives.**

We'll also learn about some of the important people who help us in our community, as well as the grown-ups and animals who support us in school. Did you know we have a school dog?

Understanding the World: We'll be getting to know ourselves, our families and our new school community. We'll talk about what makes us special and how we are all different, while learning to respect and celebrate these differences.

PE: We'll be learning different ways to move and walk, including: fast, slow, on tiptoes and in different spaces. This will develop the children's coordination and awareness of the space around them.

Music: This year we are working with Newham Music Hub who will be delivering our music lessons and singing assemblies. The focus this term for Reception is 'Movement and Voice'.

Maths

We'll be sorting and matching objects, and creating our own repeating patterns. **Can your child spot things that match or make a pattern on the walk to and from school?** Look for colours, shapes, sizes and patterns on buildings, fences and signs.

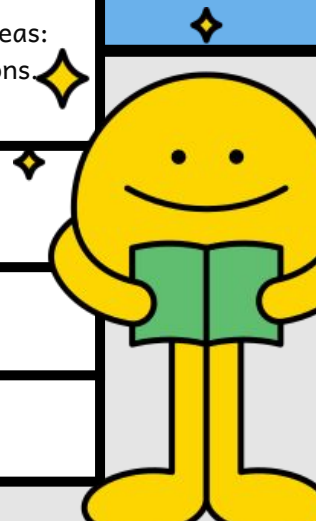
English

We'll read the story *Owl Babies,* act out our favourite parts and talk about the characters and what happens. The children will have a go at retelling the story orally and begin writing the sounds they hear in words. At home, you could say a word and ask: "What sound does it start with?"

Dates for your diary

My PE days are	**Castle**: Thursday and Friday **Ocean**: Wednesday and Thursday
Tuesday 6th October 8:40-9:30am	Stay and Play - families welcome
Thursday 17th to Tuesday 22nd September	Book Fair in the Sports Hall
Monday 28th September	**Reception Dress up day** A special dress-up day linked to our class names! Some ideas: **Castle Class**: castles, knights, kings, princesses or dragons. **Ocean Class:** sea animals, boats or mermaids.
THURSDAY 22nd October	**Last day for all children**
Friday 23rd October to Monday 2nd November	Half term break
TUESDAY 3rd November	**All children back at school**





Supporting learning at home

Communication & Language:

- Read a story together every day.
- Talk about what you can see, hear and smell as you walk.
- Sing nursery rhymes and songs together.

Self-care:

- Practise putting on and taking off their coat.
- Practise using the toilet independently.
- Practise using a knife and fork.
- Encourage your child to tidy up after themselves.

Writing:

- Practise recognising their name.
- Practise writing their name.

