

# Thames View Infants




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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome to Reception!



Every week on a Friday we send out a letter telling you what's ahead for your child. Please continue to check the PARENTMAIL APP to stay up to date news and information.

As always, please come and see us if you'd like more information on the learning your child is working on.

We have been learning about mice as part of our topic.

If you have a pet at home, we would be very grateful if you could bring in a photo (or a copy) on Thursday, for us to share with each other.

We can return any pictures at the end of the week.



- Black History Month Celebration- throughout October – see ParentMail for details.
- Two more weeks until half term (w/c 28th October)
- PE begins after half term
- We start teaching phonics everyday after half term
- Parent-Teacher meetings:
  - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 3:30am-5:30pm
  - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 8:00pm-5:00pm
  - ✓ Booking by ParentMail only



**Graded Outstanding Again!**

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Remember communication is so important. If you're worried, unsure about anything or would just like to know how your child is learning, feel free to pop in and see us! It's good to talk.

Children will take part in a short whole-class teaching sessions, followed by a wide range of carefully planned activities to consolidate their learning in class and outdoors. Children are also directed to join in with small group activities led by an adult. Eventually, each child will join a language group, reading and writing group and two maths groups each week.

Our "free flow" sessions take place in the morning and afternoon: each activity covers a range of the Early Years Areas of Development and include Literacy, Physical Development, Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. We plan opportunities for children to explore independently, in small groups, with and without adults.



- We will make sure your child brings home a reading book each day and it's important that they have some time at home to read with you. Reading at home is so important, particularly for young children. Please read it together with your child for 10-15 minutes everyday. You can write comments on reading done at home in the reading records.
- Your child we need their Yellow Book Bag in School every day. As well as reading every day in school, the children feel a bit lost without them. If you lose something from your book bag, tell us and we'll replace it as quickly as possible.

### Family Learning Together

Let your child help sort out the socks when you do the washing. They can learn about matching by measuring and comparing long and short.

Don't forget to tweet a picture and tag us too! 😊  
@TVInfants, @RofiyaTVI



We hope you'll find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Rofiya Begum  
*Head of Reception*

Reception Timetable WB: 7th October	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 - 9:00	<b>School starts at 8:45am</b>				
	<b>Welcome and settling period. Children change, then read, their reading book</b>				
9:00 - 9:20	We are exploring our topic about 'Mice', and the story <i>Kipper's Toy Box</i>				
	I can talk about baby mice	I can listen carefully and sound out words	I can talk about nocturnal creatures	I can talk about different types of materials	I can share my experiences of pets
9:30 - 11:30	Free Flow Activities (inside)				
	We will develop our literacy skills by exploring the book corner. We will choose books and share stories with friends and adults.				
	Children can explore the small world and construction area engaging in imaginative and creative play.				
	Directed Activities:				
	Children will explore lumps of clay and how to mould them	We will make crackers as mice like to eat them	Children will roll a dice and write a label for the number	We will draw a picture of a pet and label the drawing	Children will match dominoes or number cards
	Freeflow Activities (outside):				
	Children will experiment with different size containers and tools. They can explore measuring, pouring, emptying and filling. We will use appropriate language to describe what we are doing.				
	We will be playing throwing and catching games to develop our gross motor (big muscles) skills. We will also learn to share and take turns with our friends when playing games.				
11:30-11:45	ICT/Music/Circle time				
	ICT: I can name a variety of shapes	Music: I can tap along to the beat	ICT: I can play a jigsaw game	Music: I can sing Kye Kye Kule	Circle time: I can pass an expression around the ring
11:45-1:00	Lunch:				
	We will be helping the children to choose a healthy meal. We will encourage them to try new foods and supporting them using their cutlery and tidying their tray away.				
1:00-13:30	Maths				
	This week in maths we will be developing our counting and adding skills. Children will count to 10 using number lines, dice, objects and actions. Support groups develop these themes.				
13:30-14:45	Freeflow:				
	The same activities as the morning freeflow session.				
14:45-15:15	After freeflow children help tidy up cooperatively and learn how to look after our resources. We then read a story together before getting ready to go home.				
Home time	You can talk to your child about the activities they have been doing and perhaps get them to show you. Please read with your child and encourage them to talk about what they can see in the pictures.				