



SET SAIL FOR SUCCESS

Mayflower Topic Letter

Reception

Autumn Term 1

Welcome to Reception at Mayflower! This half term is all about enjoying school, learning to play together, talking to each other and getting used to the new routines.

Literacy

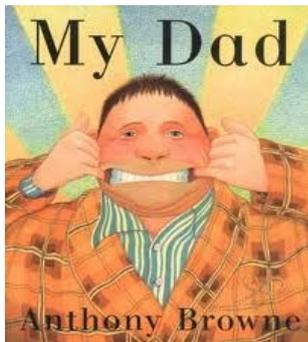
We love reading at Mayflower and will be reading LOTS of books throughout the day with the class. We'll be reading a range of **Anthony Browne** stories and hope the children will bring some home to share with you.

This year is the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower Ship's voyage across the Atlantic, so we will be finding out more about life on a ship and the other journeys we



Understanding the World

This half term we will be finding out about journeys we make in our everyday lives such as walking to school or the shops. We will make maps of our local area and use photographs and google maps to explore the places that that are important to us.



make in our lives. We'll also be starting to learn some sight words this half term. A book will be sent home for you to practise reading and writing them with your child.

Communication and Language

In Reception we will be modelling how to take turns to speak and to talk in full sentences. Talking with your child at home about their day will help develop their language skills.

We will be singing lots of nursery rhymes and counting songs this half term so please ask your child to share them with you at home.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term our focus will be on children forming positive relationships with one another and learning to solve problems themselves through conversation.

Physical Development

We are very lucky to have some new climbing equipment outside for the children to use this year. This will help develop the children core strength and gross motor skills. We will also be providing them with lots of creative activities inside such as weaving, playdoh and cutting using scissors. At lunchtime, the children will be supported to use cutlery to eat their food.

Maths

We begin the year by practicing counting using objects and recognising numbers up to ten. We'll then move on to looking at 2d and 3d shapes.

See if your child can recognise different numbers when you are out and about (bus numbers, house numbers etc.).

Expressive Arts and Design

Our class artists—Paul Klee and Barbara Hepworth have inspired our special book covers which the children will be making themselves. We will also be using different materials to make art-work for our class displays and book corners. Our music sessions will begin in October and will involve exciting opportunities for the children to listen to different genres of music and play a range of percussive instruments.



Trip this half term: Canary Wharf (To Be Confirmed)