

Happy New Year from all
Addison Staff

Addison Vision 2024-2025

To succeed academically, and to also give pupils experiences and opportunities which will enable them to become resilient, compassionate and resourceful individuals.



We are excited to welcome our pupils back to school and look forward to the learning and growth ahead. The new term presents us with fresh opportunities to build on the successes of the previous months and continue working together to achieve the best outcomes for every child.

After school clubs (3:10pm-4:10pm) – We’ve had an amazing response to the clubs letters. Registers have been finalized and conformation text messages have been sent out.

First half term: Monday 13th January to 14th February (5 sessions)

Second half term: Monday 24th February to 24th March (5 sessions)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts (Y1-3) Ms Sheppard	Gymnastics (Y1-2) QPR	Choir(Y1-6) Ms Gaitantzi	Boxing(Y3-6) External Coach	Football (Y1/2) QPR
Arts & Crafts (Y4-6) Ms Lalji	Taekwondo (Y1-6) External Coach Football (Y3/6) QPR		Graffiti/ Bubble writing (Y3-6) Ms Hickey	Cricket (Y3-6) QPR

Lunch Time Club

First week back and the children have been enjoying going to lunchtime club with Miss Penny. Lunchtime club has many activities including playing pool, board games, Lego, technology based, games arts and crafts, and much more.



Spring 2025

January (Perseverance)

- 16th Topaz assembly
- 24th Reception trip to Fire station
- 30th Jan – 7th Feb. National Story-telling week
- 30th Pearl class assembly

February (Percy Perseverance/Ollie Honest)

- 4th Y2 trip to London Zoo
- 11th Safer Internet day

HALF TERM – Mon. 17th – Fri. 21st Feb.

March (Ollie Honest)

- 6th World Book Day
- 8th – 17th British Science Wk
- 13th Sapphire assembly
- 24th Assessment week
- 25th & 26th Parent Consultations
- 30th Eid al-Fitr

April

- 2nd Y4 Easter Show 9:10am
- 3rd Y3 Eid Assembly 9:10am
- 4th Last day of term

Easter break 7th – 22nd April

- 22nd Inset day (no pupils)
- 23rd Back to School
- 23rd Saint George’s Day

Absent from school? Please telephone **before 9am** and tell us if your child is absent from school

Nursery (Cherries)

This half term we will be learning about, 'People Who Help Us'. We will be talking about Police officers, Firefighters, Doctors, Nurses, Bus Drivers and many more.

We will investigate what they do at

work and the tools they need to do their job. This is a great way for the children to see a range of Non-Fiction books.



In Maths our key focuses are the numbers 4 and 5. We are learning to recognise, count out and master our Maths skills linked to these numbers. We are also revisiting our pattern work when looking at the repeating patterns on emergency vehicles.

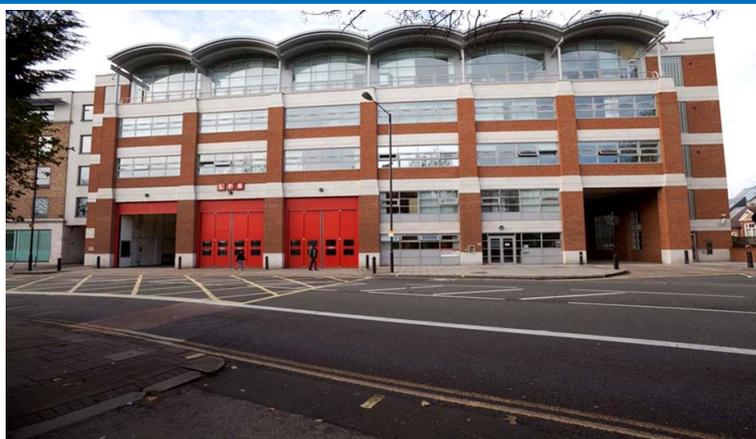
The children are beginning their first steps to early reading and writing. We follow the Phonics scheme, 'Read Write Inc'. We will be learning a new sound a week, the 6 sounds the children will see this half term are 'm', 'a', 's', 'd', 't' and 'i'. I highly recommend daily phonics practice at home to secure your child's early writing and reading skills.

We have scheduled a range of visitors to come and explain what they do at work as well as a trip out to see the Hammersmith Firefighters - further information to follow shortly.

We look forward to seeing the amazing learning to come out of this half term. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the team either in person or via eyfslearningsupport@addison.lbhf.sch.uk

Blueberries (Reception)

This term Blueberries class will be focusing on, 'People who help us'. We will be having lots of exciting visitors including police officers, doctors and a dentist. Our trip will be to the Hammersmith Fire station where we will see the fire trucks, the fire fighter uniform and the big hose! Within this topic, we will be discussing who can help us in different situations and how we can stay safe.



In maths we are looking at numbers 0-5 in more depth, mass and capacity and then finishing off with 6,7,8. Back by popular demand, we will have lots more, 'game shows' where we show what we have learnt and have lots of fun! We will also be having a focus on maths fluency, especially subitising and number bonds within 5.

We are continuing to learn our sounds in phonics, primarily focussing now on, 'Special Friends' and oral blending. The children are then using their phonics lessons within literacy where they are continuing the Talk4Write approach. We are studying the book 'police officers on patrol' and the children will create a set of actions to help them remember the whole story.

Jade Class (Year 1)

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a lovely break. Our topic this half term is, 'Homes Past and Present'. Each week, we will be learning about how homes have changed over time from 1000 years ago, the Victorian times right up to the present day.

Our value this half term is Percy, 'Perseverance'. We are encouraging the children to demonstrate perseverance by trying their best, persisting through challenges and not being afraid to make mistakes.

In English, the children are learning to write for

different purposes such as instructions and storytelling. We will continue to follow the Read Write Inc.



scheme for phonics. The children have made brilliant progress with their sounds and will now attempt to write longer words with Set 3 special friends. In maths we are working on simple addition and subtraction within 20 using resources.

Please continue to read every day with your child, complete daily homework and practise the spellings. I hope you are looking forward to an exciting Spring term!



Sapphire Class (Year 2)

After a busy autumn term learning about, 'The Great Fire of London', we have another exciting term ahead. Our topics are based around our, 'Confidence and Courage' theme where we will learn about the incredible Sir David

Attenborough. He is a renowned naturalist who endeavours to save endangered species and protect our precious environment.

Whilst we learn about him in history, in English we will write non-chronological reports on intriguing animals from around the world. We will research different animals and find out exciting facts about them, looking at their appearance, diet and habitats. We might even watch some of David Attenborough's documentaries, and spot the animals we are writing about along the way! A trip to the London Zoo on Tuesday 4th February will also support our learning where we will see lots of diverse wildlife in diverse habitats. Maybe we can share our facts to the people who work there!

In maths, we will be exploring money where we will recognise and compare pence and pounds. We will then consolidate multiplication by making equal groups and by answering multiplication sentences.

Science this term focuses on seeds and bulbs where we will investigate what seeds need in order to grow successfully. We will plant sunflower seeds and hide them around the school and monitor which ones grow the best, and why.



Music

We are excited to start the Spring term with renewed energy and a whole lot of exciting music learning for each class.

Year 1 & 2 will be introduced to rhythm and dynamics (loud/soft), along with simple melodies using percussion instruments like glockenspiels and drums to bring their music to life.

Year 3 & 4 will embark on their recorder journey, honing their music-reading skills and learning to play in an ensemble.

Year 5 will begin an exciting ukulele course, mastering new chords to perform a variety of songs and expand their musical repertoire.

Year 6 will sharpen their composing skills, creating their own accompaniment for melodies with chords, as they explore the art of musical arrangement. We are looking forward to a fantastic term filled with music, creativity and fun!

Music at Home: We encourage pupils to continue exploring music at home. Here are some fun activities to try: Listening challenge: listen to a new genre of music each week and discuss what you like and dislike about it. Ask your child about their favourite genre. Family Sing-along: Pick a song and have a sing-along. It's a fun way to practice rhythm and improve vocal skills. Create a song: Encourage your child to write a short song or create a melody using instruments or even household items (pots, pans etc...)

Wider musical opportunities: The Tri-Borough Music Hub (Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith) have some open spaces for their Junior Voices choir (years 3-6), which is a non-auditioned ensemble where students learn and perform music from a range of musical styles. For more information and how to apply please click on

<https://www.triboroughmusic hub.org/out-of-school-music-tuition-24-25/junior-voices/>.



Values

Our school value this half term is 'Perseverance'. We talk to the children in class and in assembly sessions about what this means.

Perseverance is:

- Is Persistent with his effort to improve the environment
- Is ok with failing and practise 'bouncing back'
- Is Persistent with his effort to improve the environment
- Embrace challenges even when unsure of the outcome

