

Reception Newsletter: Michaelmas Term

I hope everyone has had a safe and healthy break. This term we will be looking at the theme *Our Community, Our Earth* within our classroom. We will begin this term with diving deep into the book "Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth" by Oliver Jeffers. This book is written to the author's young son to help him make sense of the world we live in. As a class, we will use "Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth" to explore the world we live in, including our community, and our roles within it. We will engage in many lessons about making connections to those around us, as well as to our environment.

We will continue this theme of *Our Community, Our Earth* throughout the term with other various books and activities as well. We will explore ourselves, families and the traditions we celebrate and what makes us unique. We will learn about living and non-living things on Earth and the animals around us. We will also look at how we can keep our environment clean and healthy for the animals and ourselves. We will explore ways to keep ourselves happy and healthy, through emotional expression, exercise and healthy eating.

In Phonics we will begin the year with review of letter sounds and blending words. We will add new skills as the term progresses such as blending and segmenting words, beginning to use high frequency words in writing and reading as well as writing and reading simple words and sentences.

In Mathematics we will build our knowledge, in counting, numeral recognition and ordering. We will look at how to measure length/height. We will talk about time and money and how we use them in our day to day life. We will also begin exploring creating patterns with numbers and shapes.

I am looking forward to a wonderful term of learning and exploring together.
Welcome to Reception at Banana Island School.

Ms. Kaitlyn McMillan



I am going to be the Reception teacher this year and am excited to meet everyone. This is my first year, teaching at Banana Island School and teaching in Nigeria. I have visited Nigeria twice in the past two years and am beyond happy to be living and teaching here. I have taught Preschool and Kindergarten (children aged 3-6) for the past 5 years in Toronto, Canada. I love to read and do crafts, as well as hanging out with friends and family. I can't wait to learn with you this year and to explore new things each and everyday.