



## Reception Summer Term Newsletter

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and would like to take the opportunity to welcome you and your children back to school for their final term in the Reception class – can you believe it! We have got another busy term planned with our topics of 'Minibeasts'.

**Writing** Early Learning Goal: '**Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.**' All children will be working towards this end goal which we hope for them to achieve by the end of June. Please support your child in writing simple sentences with finger spaces and full stops. Irregular words may include – my, the, I, to, which can't be sounded out but need to be remembered.

In Maths the children have already learned lots of different concepts which include:

- Recognising and writing numbers to 20
- Counting on and back
- Finding one more and one less
- Adding and Subtracting
- Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's

This term we will be doubling, halving, sharing, measuring weight, and looking at money while continuing to reinforce the above concepts. Please continue to support your child with all of these areas to ensure that they remain confident.

Over the coming weeks we will be using a number of stories to support us in delivering our topic of 'Minibeasts' which will include, 'Bumblebear', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', and 'Superworm' to name but a few. We will continue to use 'Talk for Writing' to introduce these stories. The children are now very proficient with this approach as they confidently retell, map out and write stories. There will be a number of activities for the children to access that are linked to the stories and will encourage the use of a variety of skills. The children will be making doubling ladybirds, symmetrical butterflies and we will use different media to draw minibeasts. We are planning trips to the woods in this term to explore and investigate e.g. looking for minibeasts and worm charming. In our P.E lessons we will be introducing the children to athletic activities which will include, throwing, balancing, racing and competitive games. We will also be practising for our sports day where the children will take part in a number of races. However we are unsure of how sports day may run at the moment more information to follow.

- Brain builder **homework** will be moving to SEE SAW. It will then continue to be set every other Wednesday. Please support your child in doing their homework independently – we love to see their efforts even if it's not perfect. Don't forget that all children need to complete the must do challenge. Please see the additional letter headed 'Early Years Brainbuilder Homework.'
  - Reading Champion – we would like to remind you that to achieve this, your child needs to be reading five times a week from Friday to Friday. You can demonstrate this by writing a comment on their progress in the reading diary. Your child will receive a dojo point as a reward for their efforts.
  - Please ensure that your child is practising the key word cards that are being sent home. There are **eleven** of these in total and will really benefit your child's reading ability. Once your child can read a card they can then practise writing the words on that card which will really support their sentence writing.
- Thank you for your support with all homework it makes a huge difference to your child's learning and development.**



Thank you for all of your support during the last term and we look forward to your continued support in the final term of Reception.

If you would like to speak to any of the Reception team regarding concerns or worries that you may have please do not hesitate to do so. We are available each morning or afternoon at the beginning and end of the school day or you can make an appointment for longer discussions. Alternatively you can always contact us by email, reminders of which are listed below:

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