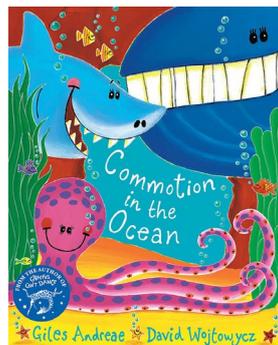
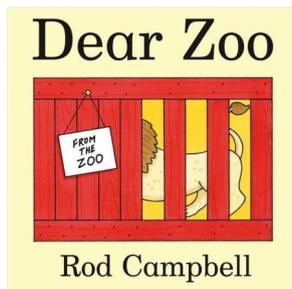




Nursery Summer Term Newsletter

We hope that you have all had a lovely Easter break and were able to take advantage of the sunshine and enjoy some time outdoors with family and friends. It is hard to believe that the children are now in their final term of Nursery, where has the year gone! We are extremely proud of all of the children and their achievements and it is a pleasure to see them become more and more independent in so many different ways. Congratulations on getting a place for your child in one of our Reception classes if you applied to do so. We are thrilled that the children will be continuing their journey with us and we will be putting lots of things in place to ensure that the transition into Reception is as smooth and seamless as possible. This will include visits from the Reception team, visits to the Reception classes and also a number of story sessions. However, we are not ready to say goodbye just yet as we still have lots of lovely activities planned and this final term will be just as busy as the previous ones.

We will be exploring our topics of 'Under the Sea' and 'From a tiny ant to an elephant' through a number of stories which will include 'Commotion in the Ocean', 'The Singing Mermaid', 'Shark in the Park', 'Dear Zoo' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to name but a few. We will again be retelling the stories, sequencing them, drawing pictures and writing about them.



In Mathematics we will be continuing to develop the many concepts introduced in the previous terms. The children will be counting objects to 10 and beyond, recognising numerals to 10 and beyond, and finding one more and one less both with and without the use of objects. Some of the children who are confident to use a pencil will be attempting to write numbers using the correct number formation. The children will continue to learn the names of 2D and 3D shapes as well as explore some of their properties.



The children will continue to learn in a fun, practical and imaginative way, carefully building on the learning that has taken place in the previous term.

Our indoor role-play area has been transformed into a beach and seaside with its own ice cream shop where I am sure that the children will develop a wide range of skills without ever even realising!

We will continue with our W.O.W – Willows Outdoor Workshop every other Friday starting this Friday – 23rd April. Children will need to wear their school uniform on the top half and something appropriate on the bottom half.

In P.E. we will begin to practise participating in different types of races as Sports Day usually takes place this term. Although we don't know what Sports Day will look like yet children will have the opportunity to practise skills such as balancing bean bags, throwing javelins and running while staying between the white lines on a track.

We are extremely proud of the progress that the children are making in phonics and we have a large number of children who can now read simple sentences and have reading books to take home. A number of children are learning letter sounds in order to later develop the skills needed to read words while some children are learning how to rhyme, listen for initial letter sounds in words and to hear what word is being said when split into its component parts.

If you google the following websites, they are excellent if you would like to know a little bit more about correct sound pronunciation and blending –Information for Parents: How to say the sounds – Ruth Miskin and How to teach blending to children - Phonics tutoring with Ruth Miskin

Most children can now put their own coats on and take them off independently and a good number are able to fasten their own zip! All of the practise and hard work has paid off and the children are becoming more independent when doing this important skill.

Reminders

- We will be giving Library books out again in the coming weeks. These will be changed every Friday so please make sure that they are in your child's bag on this day in order for your child to get a new book.
- Reading books will be changed as and when we get an opportunity to hear your child read on a weekly basis so please make sure that your child's reading book and diary stays in your child's book bag daily. A number of books are showing some signs of damage so please look after them carefully as we will need to charge £5 for damaged or lost books.
- Some children will be bringing home word cards with a number of words on that can't be sounded out but need to be remembered. These are known as tricky red words. Once your child knows all of the words on a card they will then be given a new one. It might be a good idea to practise writing some of the words from memory as these will support your child in writing trickier sentences. For example, the following sentence has three tricky red words – **I went to the** shop.
- We will be sending Brain Builder homework out in the coming weeks. Please see Brain Builder letter.
- **All children have plastic envelopes which contain either sounds, numbers or both to practise at home. It is important that these are kept in your child's book bag at all times in order that we can add to them when we feel the need to.**

Dates for your Diary

School closed – Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday

School closed – Thursday 6th May - Voting

Dress up as a mermaid, sailor, sea creature or in the colours of the sea – Monday 24th May

Half Term – School closes Friday 31st May

School opens for children Monday 7th June

School Closes – Wednesday 21st July at the end of the day

Thank you for all of your support during the last term, we really do appreciate what a difficult time it has been, and we look forward to your continued support in the final term of Nursery.

If you would like to speak to any of the Nursery team regarding concerns or worries that you may have please do not hesitate to do so. We are available at the 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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