



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 topic of 'Minibeasts'.

Writing Early Learning Goal:

'Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed'.

'Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters'.

'Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others'.

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, focusing on the correct letter formation.

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

- Finding one more and one less
- Composition of numbers to 10
- Number bonds to 5
- Estimation
- Subitising to 10

This term we will be doubling, halving, sharing and looking at odd and even numbers. We move on to looking at numbers to 20 and beyond. 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, 'Superworm', 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' and 'What the Ladybird Heard' to name a few. 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, Superworm puppets and we will be going on a minibeast hunt in our outdoor classroom. We have a special visit from the Zoo Lab, where we will have the opportunity to get up close and handle lots of minibeasts and creatures.

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, (more information to follow for this). This term, we will be preparing the children for the Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II. We will be looking at stories such as 'The Queen's Handbag' and 'The Queen's Knickers' and will have lots of celebrations and activities for the children to enjoy. We will also be learning lots about the royal family and Great Britain.

- Brain builder **homework** is posted fortnightly on to Seesaw. Please ensure your child completes their 'must do' activity, parental support with homework really does make a huge difference to your child's learning and development.
- Reading – we would like to encourage reading **5 times per week** with your child and recording a small comment in the reading diary. Please keep your child's books, dairy, sounds and rhymes in their bag at all times.
- 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 continued support with homework and home reading!

Bedtime Books

Reading stories at home has a huge impact on your child's reading ability but sharing books together can also foster a lifelong love of stories. Children in the Early Years and Key Stage one are both learning to read and discovering their likes and dislikes. A bedtime story can help children to explore feelings, have new experiences and gain new knowledge in a safe environment. Story times give a calm routine to bedtime and improve child's vocabulary, imagination and overall knowledge. Cuddling together with parents, grandparents, carers or siblings to share an adventure or talk about a story before happily drifting off to sleep is something that we hope all of the children experience regularly.

Children currently bring home a 'bedtime book' weekly in addition to their reading book or sounds. These books are selected by the children from our school library or class bedtime book boxes to share with a grown up at bedtime. If you are unsure about which book your child has borrowed, please let your child's teacher know and we can check our library system. Once outstanding books are returned a new book can be issued. Books that are not returned will incur a £5 charge.



Dates for your diary:

April

- Tuesday 25th- Zoo Lab visit school.

May

- Monday 2nd- Bank Holiday
- Friday 13th – Willows Fun Run
- Thursday 26th - Break up for half term
- Friday 27th - SCHOOL CLOSED

June

- Monday 6th - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 7th - Nursery and Reception Sports Day a.m
- Monday 20th - Nursery and Reception **reserve** Sports Day a.m
- Thursday 30th- Class photos (Reception only)

July

- Wednesday 20th - Last day of term

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 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 Dojo.