

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Terms 5 and 6

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We are looking forward to lots of sunshine for our exploring time outside and hopefully to help our beans and sunflowers grow successfully in the Year R garden. We are also excited about our trip and new topics this term.

Term Five

During this term the theme will be Animals. We will be looking at the life cycle of different animals. We will also be finding out about our favourite animals and any interesting facts about them. Our trip to the Rare Breeds Farm will give us a good opportunity to find out about farm animals.

Literacy/Communication and Language

We will be continuing to follow the 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme which is a revised version of 'Letters and Sounds' and looking at how we use sounds to build words. We are now working on Phase 4 of Little Wandle, using our phonic knowledge to read, spell and write longer words. We are now working on the last set of tricky words.

All the sounds and tricky words covered each week will be on Google Classroom on a Friday afternoon.

Your child will be able to choose a new library book on Fridays. Reading scheme books are sent home on Thursdays to be returned on Mondays. Please feel free to write any comments about your child's reading in the yellow reading record book.

Mathematics

We will continue to work on subitising and recognising numerals. This term we are moving beyond 20 and looking at patterns of shapes around us.

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning is an integral part of our Early Years curriculum. We usually go to Woodland Adventure on a Wednesday afternoon as a whole year group. Children will need wellington boots but as the weather becomes warmer, please provide your child with an old long sleeved top and long trousers rather than a puddle suit.





Term Six

Our topic in Term Six is Our World. This is a real opportunity to look at our local area, then moving to our country and finally the Earth and beyond.

Literacy/Communication and Language

We will continue to work with the Little Wandle Phonics scheme. During this term, we will be writing in more depth and continuing to look at different stories which tell us more about the world we live in and the planets beyond.

Mathematics

We will be using our number skills in play and continue to use reasoning ideas. We will start to look at sharing and grouping and consolidating our knowledge of odd and even and doubling and halving.

General information

- Book bags will need to be brought into school on a daily basis to ensure that teachers have access to contact books, these books may be used to convey any messages or queries you might have. Children do not need to bring in any other bags, rucksacks or other resources apart from those provided by us. Please do not put water bottles in book bags.
- Please can we remind you that lunch boxes should not contain fizzy drinks, chocolate bars, nuts, seeds or sweets. Also we do insist that only water is brought into the classrooms in a **named** bottle or flask. A fruit snack is provided at break time so children do not need to bring in their own snack.
- Our PE kit comprises of black shorts, plain white T-shirt and black plimsolls. Kits remain in school for the duration of the term and are sent home each holiday for washing. Please ensure that **ALL** your child's belongings are clearly named.
- Please note that, in accordance with our Health and Safety policy, children are not allowed to wear jewellery, make-up, nail varnish or tattoos in school with the exception of small stud earrings in pierced ears which must be removed each Monday for PE lessons. Long hair must be tied back at all times.
- Please ensure that your child has a suitable coat for the weather every day as we take the children outside in all weathers.
- Suncream should be applied before school and it is a good idea to send your child to school with a named sunhat as the Reception garden can be very warm!
- If you have any questions, please speak to one of us on the gate in the morning or after school.



Thank you from the Reception Team

