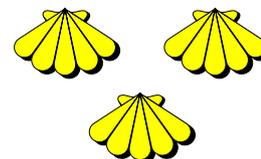


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Summer newsletter 2019

Reception - Red class

Dear Parents

Welcome back, we hope you had a restful and relaxing Easter.

Now that we are in the final term our focus will be on a slightly more structured curriculum - moving towards working a little more like Year 1 in order to support the children in their transition between classes. We will be continuing to encourage the children to be independent, which does include coming into the cloakroom on their own. If your child is a little unsettled in the morning, please pass them to a member of staff who will be happy to support them. The children are all familiar and settled into the routines of the day in Reception so it is vital that we support them with their independence in preparation for the new daily routines next year.

Our learning this term continues to take place through topics which are chosen by the children and these will change and evolve depending upon the children's interests. We will be starting with the topic of 'Sport'. Through this topic we will be exploring health and exercise and talking about ways in which sports people keep healthy. We will also look at and try some different sports, leading up to our sports day events.

The children will continue to bring books home to share with you. Please continue to support them with their reading for approximately 10 minutes each day. The children should be recognising the tricky words that we have learnt and they should be using their phonics to work out other words in the text. The phonic sounds and tricky words we have looked at so far were sent home before the Easter holidays. The pictures remain an important strategy for reading and the children should be encouraged to make use of them to support them in identifying more complex words. As last term, books will be changed every Tuesday and Friday. Please also continue to read bedtime stories to your child.

In Literacy we will continue to develop the children's phonic knowledge and are now focusing on developing writing. The children have a good knowledge of sounds and have been using these to write as part of our phonics sessions. They also have a bank of words that they are able to read by sight - these are displayed in the classroom and the children will be supported in using these effectively to develop their writing skills. As last term, our emphasis will be developing the children's confidence in using their sounds to spell words, not focusing too much at this point on the accuracy of their attempts. We encourage children to 'have a go' when writing words and help them to sound out words for themselves rather than tell them the correct spelling every time. Letter formation continues to be a focus and the children will have daily handwriting sessions to develop this.



In Maths, the children will be continuing to develop their number skills - moving on to working with numbers to 20 and beyond as well as developing simple addition and subtraction skills, including doubling and halving. They will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of mathematical language. In shape, space and measures we will be exploring the language related to money and the passing of time. It might benefit the children to have the opportunity to play with and sort money, including paying for items at the shops and receiving change.

PE will be on a Tuesday. Our curriculum involves a lot of physical activity and the children are encouraged to use a range of equipment in the garden area as part of our everyday activities. We do not change into PE kits at these times. In our formal PE sessions the children will be expected to change and this term part of our learning will be preparing for sports day. As always, please ensure PE kits are clearly labelled as we are better able to return lost items in these circumstances.

The children will continue to receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day at snack time. There is also the opportunity for the children to have a carton of milk - please see the office if you are interested in this. Those children not having milk should bring in a clearly labelled bottle containing **water only** please. Please be aware that we will encourage the children to have a snack and drink each day but we do not insist on this.

Red Class will continue to attend assembly once a week on a Friday with the rest of the school. This is a celebration assembly where two children are chosen each week for various reasons to receive a certificate.

Thank you again for your continued help and support. Please feel free to speak to any member of staff if you have a concern but it might be necessary to make an appointment through the office for longer issues.

Mrs J Monk

Class teacher

