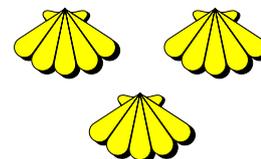


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Summer Newsletter

Year R - Red Class

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and well done for your amazing efforts during the lockdown. It was great to see the children on Teams and we can see how much they have learnt with your help over the time that they were unable to come to school. Thank you.

Please continue to send your child's lunch choices in on the pages provided. The menu is available to view on the school website should you need it. All children also need to continue to bring in a water bottle each day, especially as we are now in the Summer term and the weather will undoubtedly be getting warmer. Remember to only fill the water bottle with plain water please as any other drinks will be replaced in line with our Healthy School policy.

It is still important that all children have a change of clothes that will remain in school for the half term (clearly labelled and in a separate bag please).

Our work in Reception continues to be based around stories and topics that reflect the children's interests. The first book we will be exploring is 'Some Dogs Do' by Jez Alborough. Learning in most areas of the curriculum will be linked to this text.

Phonics and Reading remain an essential part of the children's learning and it is still important that your child reads every day at home for a short time. The daily practise will help them hugely to develop their confidence and fluency and this will then assist them with their writing skills. We will continue to have daily phonics sessions targeted to the phase your child is currently working at and your child will continue to take part in guided reading sessions with an adult twice a week - focusing on various reading skills, including fluency and expression.

As last term, books can be changed on a **Monday and a Thursday** - please put your child's **book and reading record** in the box to assist us in this. Unfortunately, **books cannot be changed on other days** due to the need to quarantine them in between. However, should you miss one of the changing days, please be reminded that your child has access to books online through Bug Club (the log in detail of which can be found in the front cover of your child's reading record).



Last term we were due to focus on writing skills. Over lockdown, through Teams, the children practised breaking words down into sounds and started to use the phonics mats to support them in identifying the letter shapes to match those sounds. We will continue to work on this in school now, building the words we can sound out and the key words we can spell into simple sentences. The children will learn more about capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths the children will be looking at and comparing numbers. They will explore ordering and estimating, identifying one more and one less. When deepening their understanding of numbers to 10, they will investigate whole numbers and begin to see that numbers can be split into parts in different ways (number bonds). They will further explore partitioning and joining numbers together to add and subtract and use this knowledge to understand what number might be missing. We will then use our skills to work with numbers beyond 10 - investigating doubles and halves, odd and even, and numbers beyond 20.

Our PE lessons will now be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you for ensuring your child has their PE kit in school this week. For health and safety reasons no earrings are permitted for PE activities. We are no longer able to cover earrings for the purpose of PE and we ask that you ensure they are removed before your child comes into school as we are unable to assist them in doing so in class. Thank you for your help with this.

As always, if you need any support or additional information at any time please drop a note in the box at the gate or arrange an appointment through the office for longer queries.

It is great to have all of your wonderful children back in school and we all look forward to working with them in this final term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Monk

Class Teacher

