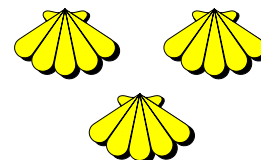


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Summer Newsletter

Reception - Red Class

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back, I hope you have had an enjoyable Spring Break, are well rested and ready for our last term.

Our learning this term will continue to take place through our topics, these will change and evolve depending upon the children's interest. We will be starting the term with the topic 'Our Amazing World' where we will be looking at our local area then moving onto different places around the world. We will look at towns and cities and how they are different to the countryside and how the seaside has changed over the years and are different around the world. We will also look at maps with the children and understand how to read a basic map. The second half of the term will be 'Off on a Journey' where we will be looking at holidays we have been on and places around the world we have visited. We will also explore journeys into space as well as the journeys we make in life such as moving into Year One. We will continue to explore the natural world around us and discuss the ever-changing seasons.

In Literacy we will continue to develop the children's phonic knowledge and are now focusing on developing our 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 can 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 now begin to have daily handwriting sessions to help develop this.

In Maths, the children will be regrouping parts to find the total, to introduce early addition. We will also continue to explore the concept of less than and taking numbers away. They will be finding the whole and missing parts of numbers. We will be looking further at counting beyond 20, looking at the numbers being made of 10 and some more. We learn how to double and halve numbers as well as recognising odd and even numbers. We will continue to work on recognising number patterns such as number doubles and number bonds to 10. We will look at pattern making exploring more complex patterns than before. We will continue to learn about shapes, 2D and 3D ones. We will also look at how to manipulate and decompose shapes.

We will be looking forward to a trip later in the term, please keep a lookout for more details regarding this. This will obviously support the learning we have completed in class.



Our PE lessons will continue to be on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled so that they can be easily returned if they go missing. For health and safety reasons no earrings are permitted for PE activities. Please make sure they are removed on PE mornings before arriving at school each week. Thank you.

Later in the term we will begin our preparation for transition into Year One. We of course already support the children by having high expectation in terms of behaviour and encourage them to complete several activities each day. Please continue to support the children at home by reminding them how to listen to others, engage in conversations, reminding them how to take turns in order to build the friendships they have. We will also be looking at our feelings and how these can be affected by change.

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 and **make a note in their reading diary**. The books you share can be a mixture of the school reading books or another which is suitable for their level. If there was anything your child found tricky whilst reading, please also make note of this in their ready diary - these are checked weekly and we can then follow up any concerns with your child. 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.

This term, reading books will be sent home each Friday after they have shared them 3 times in class and will be changed the following week. New library and reading books will be issued on a Friday for the children to enjoy over the coming week. Please also continue to read bedtime stories to your child. Please look after these books and have them ready to change each week.

Just a few reminders- 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 think your child is interested in having this as once they are aged 5 these need to be paid for. Children should bring in a clearly labelled bottle containing **water only** please each day. Please be aware that we will encourage the children to have a snack and drink each day but we do not insist on this. When sending your child to school, please ensure they are wearing black school shoes only. Finally, we love to extend our learning outside and try to ensure we are outside every day so please ensure your child comes into school with sun cream if the weather is hot and a hat with their name. The weather is still very changeable at this time of year; please continue to send the children in with a coat until the weather is better.

If you need any support or additional information at any time please send an email to the main office to arrange an appointment

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Pavett
Red Class teacher

