



Reception

Parent Newsletter Summer 2016

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A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after the half term holiday!
We hope you are ready for a busy half term! Here is what we will be learning ;



<u>Learning Challenge—Are all minibeasts scary?</u>	
	<p>This week we have started our new learning challenge. Over the half term we will be learning what minibeasts are and all about their lifecycles. We will also be looking after our very own class caterpillars, and watching how they change over time! We will be using our observation skills to look carefully for the similarities, differences and patterns that we can see on the caterpillars and butterflies. This will then allow us to create paintings and creative pieces that have symmetrical patterns. We will also be using our technology skills to create minibeast pictures using our new ICT software Purple Mash.</p>
<p><u>Letters & Sounds</u></p> 	<p>In letters and sounds some children are recapping the phase 3 sounds. They will be applying the sounds they have learnt to read and write captions and sentences. Some children will continue to work on phase 4 blends and will be learning to read and write words that have adjacent consonants in (2 or more consonants together in a word) e.g tent, toast and stand. Some children will continue to learn phase 5 sounds, and about the different sound families. The children will be learning two new sounds a week alongside the phase 3 sound that they already know, e.g ai (from phase 3) plus ay (hay) and a-e (spade). The children will be taught about the different ways to read and write the sounds and be playing lots of games to help them to recognise which sound to use.</p>
<p><u>Literacy</u></p> 	<p>In Literacy, we will be reading <i>The Hungry Caterpillar</i>, <i>Big Bad Bug</i> (Oxford Reading Tree) and a range of non-fiction minibeast books. We will be doing lots of exciting reading activities linked to minibeasts such as a Caterpillar Hunt to allow us to apply our sounds. We will be using our knowledge of letters and sounds to write for a range of purposes. We will write lists, non-fiction books, stories and recounts. We will be practising using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in every sentences and forming our letters correctly. Some children will practise writing their letters on the lines and begin to use wow words (describing words) and narrative features (who, what where) to add more detail to their writing.</p>

Subject	
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>In Maths, some children will revisit counting, ordering and finding the missing numbers in a sequence with numerals up to 20. They will also be practising adding and subtracting amounts practically and begin to solve word problems.</p> <p>Some children will move on to finding number bonds to 10 and then 20. They will also be counting, estimating and looking for patterns when counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.</p> <p>In Shape, Space and Measures, we will be revisiting the everyday language we use to talk about length, weight, distance, height and capacity, and using this language to estimate. We will also be learning to recognise and make half past and quarter past times. We will also be using money to pay for amounts and recapping the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.</p>
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Puffin Class will continue to have physical development sessions on a Tuesday and Cygnet Class will continue on a Thursday. Children will be applying their sequencing skills this half term by linking movements together, to create a short phase of movements on the apparatus. They will apply their knowledge of movements and balances to travel confidently on the apparatus. As we build up our confidence and skill creating our sequences on the apparatus, we will then perform our sequences on our own and in small groups to each other.</p> <p>We will also be practising for our Sports Day, which is on Wednesday 22nd June at 2pm on the Infant Field (weather permitting). The children will be applying a variety of skills such as kicking, throwing, balancing and hand eye co-ordination as they move around in teams.</p>
<p>Dates for your diary</p> 	<p>On Friday 10th June we will be having our class photos.</p> <p>On Friday 24th June all children will be having vision tests in school.</p> <p>Monday 4th July is an Inset day—school will be closed.</p> <p>On Wednesday 6th July we will be having our annual Summer Fayre on the Junior playground. Get ready for lots of hot dogs, face painting and glitter tattoos!</p> <p>On Thursday 7th July we will be going on a day trip to Attenborough Nature Reserve. During the day we will be minibeast hunting, pond dipping and bird spotting. Voluntary trip contributions and slips need to be handed in for Monday 20th June—please speak to us if you have any queries.</p> <p>On Tuesday 19th July from 3:30-4:30 we will be having a Reception and Key Stage 1 school disco.</p> <p>New uniform pop up shops will be in school on Monday 13th June, Tuesday 14th June and Wednesday 22nd June all from 5-4pm.</p>

How to help at home:

Thank you for all of your support during the last half term. We have included some helpful tips to help you to help your child below:

Reading

We have decided to continue with changing your child's books once a week for the rest of the year. During the last week of term we read with your child and moved them on to the next band if they were ready. Please continue to let us know how your child is finding their new books by writing in their diary or chatting to us. Some children have moved Literacy groups so their reading book change day may have changed. Please ask your child or us if you are unsure if their day has changed.

Please see below for the day your child's book will be changed:

Monday—Brilliant Butterflies

Tuesday—Clever Caterpillars

Wednesday—Proud Peacocks

Thursday—Fantastic Foxes

Friday—Super Squirrels

Children should still be reading every night at home and have their book bag with them everyday.

Homework & Spellings— This will continue to be handed out every Wednesday and needs to be returned by the following Monday. Children will also now receive 3 or 5 spellings a week to practice at home. These will be given out every Friday and be tested the following Friday. This will help to prepare your child for the weekly spelling tests in Year 1.

Parent Noticeboard & Talent Tree

We have been told the parent noticeboard is very useful and helps you to keep up to date with our school events. Please keep checking regularly for new dates for the diary.

It has been brilliant to hear about some children's talents at home, and to be able to share their achievements. We would really like to celebrate these more in class and encourage children to support each other. Please use the leaves provided to tell us momentous things like your child riding a bike without stabilisers, learning to swim 5m or any other special time. We will then empty the tree every Friday and celebrate them as a class.

We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the last half-term.

The Reception Team