

Newsletter

Summer 1 2019 – Reception



This half-term the children will be writing in many different ways; we will be encouraging the children to independently think of sentences and do this by asking them to write about their own everyday experiences, reflecting on things they have done in the classroom, while they are working in the areas of learning and also writing about memorable experiences outside of school.

In Phonics we will continue to work within Phase 3 of the Letters and Sounds teaching programme. The children will be learning how to read and write longer words. We will be introducing some more tricky words, reading two syllable words such as treetop, lunchbox, farmyard and will be practising reading high frequency words and tricky words in a range of sentences. We will be introducing new high frequency words to encourage the children to develop their sight recognition when reading.

In Maths we will be continuing to develop the children's addition and subtraction skills with lots of practice counting on or back to find the answer. We will be learning how to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and will spend time working with objects to develop an understanding of grouping. We will be problem solving using the basic skills acquired from prior learning linked to doubling, halving and sharing. The children will continue to explore 2D and 3D shape and we will discuss, identify and recognise the properties of each shape. We will be introducing the concept of time to the children and will show the children how to read an o'clock time e.g. 4 o'clock on an analogue clock.



Our topic this half-term is 'Are Eggs Alive?' We will start our topic with a fantastic day at the farm! The children will get to learn all about the animals that live on a farm and what farms do in terms of their care.

We will be looking at life cycles of a range of animals that come from eggs, animals and their young and traditional tales with animal characters. We will also be learning about how plants grow and discussing the season of Spring.

On the 29th April EYFS are getting some special guests for 2 weeks. We will be observing ducklings hatch from eggs. How exciting!

A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they:

- Read 4 times in a week at home
- Follow Golden Rules
- Wear correct uniform
- Have full attendance for the week
- No late marks

Thank you, Miss Walker, Miss Firman, Mrs Stone and Mrs Carter



Useful Information

- We have a collection tin in both Reception cloakrooms for contributions. £1 a half term would be greatly appreciated.
- Reading books are changed on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.
- P.E is on a **Tuesday and Wednesday** it will alternate each week. This term we will have the opportunity to do some gymnastics with a coach during our PE sessions.
- Homework is due in on a **Tuesday** and new homework will be sent out on a **Thursday**
- Thank you for donating all of your recycling for our modelling making area. Just a reminder we cannot use **medication** boxes, **polystyrene**, **egg and nut** boxes and **toilet roll tubes**. Thank you.
- Trip to the Farm – **Friday 26th April**
- Ducklings in Reception – **Monday 29th April – Friday 10th May**
- Polling Day – **Thursday 2nd May**
- Bank Holiday – **Monday 6th May**
- Stay and play – **Monday 20th May 1:30pm**
- European Elections possible school closure TBC – **Thursday 23rd May**
- PD Day – **Friday 24th May**
- Back to school **Monday 3rd June**
- Summer Fair - **Tuesday 2nd July 3:30**
- Sports Week – **Monday 8th – Friday 12th July**
- Reports out to parents - **WC Monday 8th July**
- Sports Day – **Thursday 11th July 1:30**
- Open Afternoon - **Wednesday 17th July**
- Break up for Summer – **Friday 19th July**
- PD Day - **Monday 22nd Tuesday 23rd July**