

Reception Class Summer Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope that you had a fabulous Easter holiday and that you are ready for our final term of the school year.

Topics: Our topic this half term is 'Come Outside!'. We will be exploring the changing seasons, paying close attention to plants and animals that we see outside. We will be experiencing the life cycle of a caterpillar as we have 10 caterpillars arriving in our classroom this half term. It is always wonderful to see this amazing process take place. The human life cycle is also something that we will be learning about. We will make our own individual timelines and talk about how we have already changed and how we will in the future. We will plant seeds and beans and watch them grow and change, learning about what a plant needs in order to grow. The seasons of Spring and Summer will be a running theme throughout the rest of this year. We will be doing lots of exploring during this topic!

Our final topic of the year will be 'Our Wonderful World!'. We will be learning about different modes of transport and different places they can take us. We will talk about special trips that we have been on and different places we would like to explore. We will also learn about the first landing on the moon!

Ongoing activities to keep your child on track:

- Practise recognising and understanding the values and composition of numbers 0-10 e.g. the number 4 can be made up of 2 and 2 as well as 3 and 1
- Talk LOTS... be ambitious with vocabulary (look at knowledge organisers and weekly newsletters to see key vocabulary we are using)
- Explore a variety of texts e.g. library and reading books from school, your own story books, non-fiction books etc. (reading provides many opportunities to hear and use new vocabulary)
- Encourage independent writing at home (I would love for you to send this into school for me to see!)
- Play games with your child that require turn taking, communicating, following rules and team work
- Continue to engage in weekly mini maths challenges and reading challenges (there may also be the occasional writing challenge too!)

Knowledge Organiser:

A knowledge organiser for this half term has been sent home with your child. It contains key learning and vocabulary that we will be exploring this half term. Please spend some time sharing it with your child to consolidate the learning that is taking place at school. Thank you.

PE: This term we are so lucky to have two PE sessions each week. On Tuesdays we will do gymnastics and on Thursdays we will be developing different physical skills, exploring moving in different ways and manipulating objects such as bean bags and balls. Please send your child to school in their PE kits on these days.

Water bottles: Please send a water bottle with your child everyday. We will encourage your child to drink plenty throughout the day, especially as the weather gets warmer.

Weather: Although it is the Summer term the weather is still very fickle! Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for all weathers. Bringing a coat to school each day and applying sun cream in the morning when it is particularly sunny should protect your child from all weathers. Lots of our learning takes place outside.



As always, If you have any concerns or you wish to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to get in touch. **Mrs Holdbrook and the Reception team**