



2 May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term. This year is racing by, and it is remarkable to be saying we are already in the summer term. With the warmer weather comes lots of outside learning and exciting enrichments.

Topic

This term we are continuing to learn about the life cycles of animals. Following on from the frog cycle we are learning about the lifecycle of the butterfly. The Live caterpillars have been a constant source of curiosity and intrigue. Our topic this term is Great Explorers and includes topics such as Space, followed by dinosaurs and finally we will be learning about hot countries. As always, we are looking forward to exploring these topics!

Literacy

In Literacy, the children will continue developing their pencil control through adult led and child-initiated work, pen disco and dough disco which in the long term will strengthen the children's pencil control skills.

We will be continuing with daily phonics sessions, introducing rhythm & rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds and oral segmenting as well as blending. In phonics we will continue to learn phonemes, this is the initial sound of a word. The children will be learning one sound a week. The children will be bringing home their own sound book on a Tuesday for you to complete some home activities with the sounds for example going on sound walk and reenforcing the sound with your child. Please can you bring the sound book back every Tuesday, so the new sound can be updated in the sound book.

Maths

We will continue to focus on maths mastery skills such as counting and number recognition to ten, as well as measuring (capacity and mass), more than and fewer than, 2D and 3D shapes, sequencing, as well as the number that comes before or after a number.

Library Books

We will be continuing to send home school library books on a Friday, for you to share with your child. Please make sure that your child's book is returned the following Tuesday.

Lastly a few reminders:

Please make sure that ALL clothing and shoes worn and brought in to school are clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Uniform

It is now summer, so children may wear their summer uniform. The full uniform list is available on the school website. Please make sure children wear closed toe shoes, no sandals are allowed.

As the weather improves, please ensure that every child has a named sun hat and has an all-day sun screen applied. We do offer free flow between the outside and inside areas for the children however we do not anticipate having much shade in our EYFS outside area.

The children will also need to keep bringing water bottles to school, which are available all day.

Forest school

We will be making the most of the outdoors area and forest school this term. Please can you provide a pair of tracksuits bottoms (winter uniform) to stay on your child's peg. If necessary, your child will wear these over their shorts/dress when we are in the forest.

Mystery Reader

Thank you to the mystery readers we have had so far, it has been a lovely experience for all. Please feel welcome to arrange a date if you would like to be a mystery reader.

Tapestry

Please keep checking Tapestry regularly, including memos, for information on our topic and observations on your child. Don't forget you can add your own observations on there too. The children really enjoy sharing these with their friends.

Snack

Snack money is £28 for the summer term. Please can this be paid by the app 'School Gateway'. As always, the money is used to provide the children with a healthy snack and pay for enrichments such as playdough ingredients and our cooking activities.

Mobile phones please can we ask that mobile phones are not used while in the EYFS area.

Please let us know in advance if you have a planned absence or holiday or would like to finish school early. This helps us with our planning. Please can a school absence form be completed.

Half term and bank holidays

The May bank holiday is on the 6th May.
Half term is 27th May to 31st May.

We are looking forward to an exciting term!

Kind regards

Ms Guiver, Miss Cannon and Mrs Karbovska

