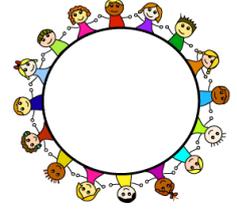


Reception Class Newsletter

April 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that everyone has had a lovely, relaxing Easter break and that the children are looking forward to term 5.

This term, our topic is People who help us. We will be looking at a range of professionals and roles, such as doctors, dentists and the police, as well as fictional superheroes. During the term, we hope to be able to arrange some visits by people who work in a range of professions. If you have an interesting job or know someone who does, perhaps you would like to arrange a visit into school to talk to the children? Please speak to us if you can help. We shall also be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and learning about the Royal family.



In our maths sessions, we will be deepening our understanding of numbers up to 20 and beyond. We will be counting on and back beyond 10. We will be comparing, ordering, sorting and matching numbers to 20 and providing lots of opportunities for children to subitise. In addition to this we will, explore shapes and positional language.



During our phonics sessions, we will be following Letters and Sounds Phase 2 & 3 to recap on all the sounds we have learnt and to further develop our sentence writing and reading. Please continue to support your child with their phonics homework and tricky words - it really does make such a huge difference if children are practising these skills frequently at home too.

Phonics

In literacy, we will be reading some well-known stories such as *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *Handa's Surprise* and *Supertato*. The children will be supported to use these books to create drawings and writing opportunities. We will act out these stories and make up our own versions.



Please note: PE sessions will be every Thursday this term.

Finally, well done to the children who performed at the *Make A Noise* concert last term. They were all brilliant and we hope they enjoyed the opportunity to sing on a stage, in front of an audience. All the children have really enjoyed learning new songs and having our weekly visits from Lynn Hawkins, from the Swindon Music Service.

Reading books - Thank you so much for the encouragement you have all shown in listening to your child read. Please continue to spend as much time as possible enjoying and sharing these books together. Please also update the **GO Read** app when you read with your child. If you have mislaid your log in, just let us know and we can re-issue it.

We change reading books every Friday. **Please can your child bring their book and book bag into school each day, as we like to hear them read at school too.**

If you have any school reading books which have not been returned, please can you ensure these are returned to school. Thank you.



Forest School - We hope to continue our visits to our woodlands area for forest school sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. This will be reliant on the weather and staffing. **Please could you make sure that your child has a pair of named wellingtons at school and wears or brings appropriate clothing. Trousers are advised.**



Our PE sessions this term will be **every Thursday**. This term, the children will be having some PE sessions with a coach from Swindon Town Football Club. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school. Sessions will be mainly outside this term, therefore, please make sure clothing is appropriate for the weather conditions. Thank you.

In **PHSE**, we follow the Jigsaw scheme. This term is all about relationships. In our **RE** sessions we will be reflecting on 'Where do we belong?'

Show and Tell - For show and tell this term, we would like your child to bring in a photograph, book or toy of their favourite hero. This could be a doctor, firefighter, a family member, or a fictional superhero such as Spiderman. Your child should be prepared to talk about their item, so please prepare some notes saying why this is their favourite hero and what it is about them that is special or what they do to help people.

Show and Tell dates:

Wednesday 4th May - Jenisha, Theo

Thursday 5th May - Leo, Harriet

Tuesday 10th May - Mika, Alfie

Wednesday 11th May - Jett, James

Thursday 12th May - Jamie, KC

Tuesday 17th May - Eloise, Nathan

Wednesday 18th May - Fletcher, Hugo

Tuesday 24th May - Gracie, Jemima

Wednesday 25th May - Patrick



If you ever have any worries or questions, please do not hesitate to
come and see us.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Ward and Miss Williams