



Summer 1 - Newsletter

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely break relaxing or celebrating Easter or Eid! We are really looking forward to some sunshine to link with our new topic.

Learning this half term

Our topic this half term is all about growing. We will be focusing on the lifecycles of different creatures such as caterpillars, ladybirds, frogs and plants in our understanding the world sessions, and we are very excited to be welcoming **chicks into the classroom for 2 weeks from the 22nd of April**. Our key texts this half term will be 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Teeny Weeny Tadpole' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and our focus will be on retelling the story, writing letters to the giant and creating our own fact files about lifecycles. In maths we will be learning about numbers beyond 10 focusing on their composition, adding and subtracting larger numbers and sharing and grouping them. We will be linking this to our prior learning of these concepts and encouraging the children to practice these skills independently.

Achieving a 'Good Level of Development' (GLD) by the end of Reception

As we near the end of Reception, the focus will be on supporting children to achieve GLD to ensure they have the best start moving into Year 1. This means that the children achieve the Early Learning Goals for all the prime areas of learning, as well as the specific areas of comprehension, reading, writing, number and numerical patterns. At home we would request that you regularly:

- Share stories, asking questions about what you have read and encouraging your child to retell it in their own words.
- Listen to your child read their phonics book daily. Support them to identify special friends and blend.
- Practice writing simple captions and sentences e.g 'a cat on a bed'. Your child needs to be able to write the captions independently and form most of their written letters correctly.
- Solve simple addition, subtraction, sharing and grouping problems using household objects.

PE

Reception have PE on **Thursdays** and our focus for this half term is manipulation and coordination. Please ensure you send your child to school in PE kit and trainers **every Thursday**. If you have lost any items of your PE kit, please talk to a member of staff. Sometimes due to school events PE days can change. **Please check class Dojo regularly as messages will be posted on there.**

Key Dates

Monday 22nd April - Chicks arrive in school.
Wednesday 1st May - Play and stay session 2-3pm
Monday 6th May - School closed for bank holiday
Tuesday 21st May - RB Library trip
Friday 24th May - Pjyamarama Event
Friday 24th May - break up for May holiday. School reopens Monday 3rd June.

School Uniform

All children need to come to school in their full school uniform each day. This includes appropriate footwear. As the weather is getting warmer but it can also be wet, please also send your child to school with a hat and a waterproof coat to account for all weathers!

Please can **all items be labelled with your child's name**. We do have lost property boxes in each class, however it makes lost items tricky to find when they are not labelled. If you have any issues or questions regarding uniform, please talk to a member of Reception staff.

Home Learning

Each child in Reception has a home learning book which will contain activities for your child to do at home linked to their current learning. Please spend time with your child helping them to complete the activities and talk to them about their learning. Activities will also be put on Dojo.



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