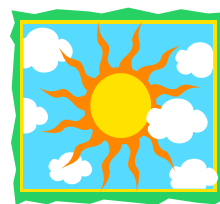


Reception Class Newsletter

Summer 2019



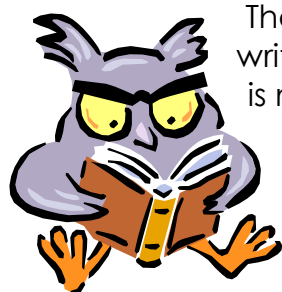
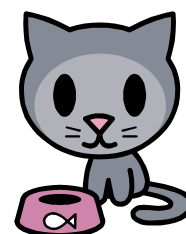
Dear Reception Parents

Thank you for all of your support last term! We have another busy term planned and would like to share with you some of the activities the children will be doing.



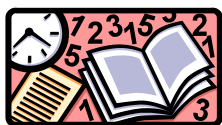
The various areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum this term will be addressed through the theme of '**Our Wonderful World**'. As you know, we already started this with our amazing beans! Please send in pictures of how they are growing at home!

I would also like to give the children the opportunity to bring in their pets! This will be done one at a time (!), usually towards the end of a school day, later on in the term. I will be sending more details about this in the near future, to be arranged with individual parents as appropriate.



The children are continuing to progress in their reading and writing skills. Your support in sharing their reading book with them is much appreciated and very beneficial for the children.

Please remember to sign their red reading record every time you hear them read and whenever you share a book together. The children also need to keep on practising their 'tricky' words too – a little and often is the best way. Other home learning will sometimes be sent as well.



Our work in maths will include some recording and will also involve mental and practical activities. The children will be working with addition and subtraction, money, shape and measuring. Please use the number cards already sent home for practise. Also, remember to encourage your child to go on the Doodle Maths app every day for some fun practise of their maths skills. The aim is to get at least 50-100 stars per week.

When the weather is good, P.E. will take place outside. Please would you check **all** clothing is still clearly labelled! Also, earrings need to be removed for P.E. lessons (now on Thursdays, which will change to Wednesdays after half term).



A couple of other things to mention:

- Girls with long hair should always have it tied up for school – this is particularly important in P.E.
- As the weather gets warmer, your child will need a named sun hat and sunscreen. It is easier if the sunscreen is applied before school, then your child can re-apply some at lunchtimes as necessary.
(Note: they need to be able to do this themselves).
- We will be holding a **'Family Learning Morning' on Monday 17th June** – you are invited to come in and share our learning from first thing until 10.45 a.m.
- You are already aware of our 'Growth Mindset' approach in school. It made a huge difference for many of the children with their attitude to changing for P.E. and mastering how to fasten buttons for themselves. We are already knowledgeable about our various Learning Powers – ask the children to tell you all about our puppets and which Learning Powers they represent. Incidentally, I would love to receive pictures of your child learning to ride a bike as we are going to read a book based around this challenging skill. I intend to create a classroom display around the theme. It would be brilliant to feature the children's pictures too.



If you have any queries or concerns at any time, please come and see us.
Yours sincerely

Debbie Tilley and Karen Mangan

P.S. We have one or two requests! Sorry – we are always asking for something!

- *Small donations of items for our growing topic and our 'Garden Centre' role play area would be much appreciated – e.g. pots, seeds, compost, silk flowers. I also have a strawberry tower – does anyone have a few small plants to donate to us please?*
- *Muller Light-sized yogurt/rice pots are always useful for paint/glue etc.*
- *Junk modelling boxes – especially 'interesting' shapes and sizes! And very large boxes are always popular!*
- *Pieces of fabric – any size, shape or colour!*
- *Does anyone have any camouflage netting or fabric to donate to us?*
- *Small off-cuts of wood suitable for us to use for 'building'.*
- *Rolls of wallpaper or lining paper.*
- *Basically, don't throw it away.... ask us first!!*

Huge thanks in advance for any help you are able to give.