

Reception Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2024



We hope you had a great Easter holiday and are ready for the Summer Term! The children are settling back well and we are looking forward to seeing their continued progress in the term ahead.

All the children had a fantastic time during Special Events week and will enjoy showing you what they did, as well as other things, at the forthcoming **Open Evening (Wednesday 24th April 5:30 – 7:00pm)**.

This term our topics will be:

Growth and Sustainability

Minibeasts

Countries

Superheroes

Animals

Toys

How can you help at home?

- Encourage and model reading purposefully at home. Read recipes, instructions, signs, leaflets etc.
- Use your imagination to make up stories and act them out.
- Encourage your child to draw a picture of something of interest (a fun day out, favourite animal, family members etc) and label the picture or write a sentence to tell us more.
- Develop different types of ball skills (throwing, catching, bat and ball, football)
- Complete Maths Home Learning Activities every week

The Children will continue to have Read Write Inc Phonics lessons every day. Please support your child's individual reading at home through short and regular reading sessions and continue to use the Reading Diary as before. It is important to write in the reading diary as it helps to give us a full picture of your child's reading and please let us know how the books are going at home. The children's reading level is regularly assessed and they will move through the scheme as appropriate. The children will continue to bring home 2 books each week providing they have returned their previous week's books. Remember also to read the books allocated to your child on the 'Bug Club' website and look at our Reception recommended reading list on the website.

In reading we will continue to look at the elements of a story e.g. characters, settings, resolutions and endings. The children will continue to practise and learn new sounds and apply them to their reading and writing. The children will be practising reading 'red words'. These are words that typically cannot be phonetically sounded out such as 'the' and 'said'. Please practise reading and writing these words at home and support your child to recognise them in different texts.

We will also be focusing on writing sentences remembering to use capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces. The children will experience writing for different purposes including recounts of stories, lists, captions, instructions, letters and writing their own sentences.

Our work in Maths includes lots of oral work and number games to support the children's learning. We will be continuing to revisit our subitising skills, counting and comparing different amounts along with recognising and recreating patterns. We will focus on doubling and halving, odd and even numbers, ordering and estimating and regrouping.

We are in the process of confirming our Reception Class Trip for this term and are planning on visiting Paradise Wildlife Park (details to follow).

Weekly Routines and Reminders

- On **Fridays** we have '**Show and Tell**'. This is a way for the children to develop their speaking and listening skills. They can bring in an item of interest to them but not a toy e.g. – a photograph, leaflet about a place they have visited, a favourite story etc. Please see the rota on the class window, as this will ensure everyone gets a turn.
- P.E. will continue to take place on a Thursday in addition to our daily run. The children will continue to get changed into their P.E kits before the lesson. The children should have a Maple PE kit, trainers and an appropriate tracksuit if necessary – either a plain and unbranded tracksuit top and bottom, or a Maple school hoodie and suitable leggings/jogging bottoms. No football team or high fashion tracksuits should be worn. Please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly named.
- Please send your child with their reading books, diary and library book **every** day.
- **School Library** – Our weekly library visit is on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child's library book is in their bag for this day so they can choose another book.
- In order that the children can have regular drinks of water we would like each child to have a named bottle with a 'sports' style top, which can be filled every morning and brought into school, (hopefully having been taken home the previous night to be washed!).
- If your child does borrow some of our clothes, please could you wash and return them as soon as possible so they are available for other children. We are desperate for any spare school trousers, shorts, skirts and underwear/socks.
- Please don't forget to ... **1)** let us know in the morning or email the office if your child is being collected by someone different from normal. **2)** make yourself visible to your child and the teacher when they come out at the end of the day as it is hard to spot individual people quickly. **3)** let us know if there is any relevant information we should know that may affect your child's behaviour or mood in school, as this helps us respond appropriately to them.
- Please check Google classroom for any messages.
- Maths homework is set each week on Fridays on Google Classroom. The homework tasks will include worksheets, games and online activities. They are designed to consolidate work covered in our class Maths lessons.
- Please continue to look on your child's Tapestry account to view their learning journey and please make any contributions of new learning or achievements you have observed at home.

We are always happy to discuss any issues with you, so feel free to contact us and we can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to a fun and busy term ahead.

Mrs Hitchcock and Miss Baylis