










Reception Newsletter Summer 2017

I can't believe we are in the final term of this year already! During this term we will continue to cover the areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum, following the interests of the children. The children have enjoyed finding out about animal life cycles so following on from this and Easter we will be learning about chickens and their lifecycle. In the second half we will learn about the seaside. If your child is particularly interested in anything else at the moment (or develops an interest in something) please let us know! We may make requests linked to the topics from time to time so please remember to look out for notices in the window and book bags. If you have any questions or queries don't hesitate to ask. I will continue to teach the class Monday to Thursday and Miss Taylor will teach on a Friday.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Communication and Language and Literacy	Maths
<p>The focus this term is on caring for living things and respecting each other. Through traditional tales we will consider what is right and wrong and why. The values for this term will be Hope, Honesty, Trust and Tolerance. We are also thinking about changes and continuing to work on developing the children's independence and confidence in preparation for Year One.</p>	<p>The children will be developing the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing through stories and rhymes linked to their topics. The first half of term has a focus on traditional tales. They will also be building longer words using the phonemes they have already learnt in our daily phonics lessons. We strongly encourage you to share books and read with your child daily and record this in their reading diary.</p> 	<p>We are introducing a weekly 'Know Your Numbers' challenge to ensure children are well prepared to meet their Early Learning Goal and are ready for Year 1. Maths work will include mental calculations, practical tasks and learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Problem solving will form a large part of our Maths work and children will be encouraged to explain the strategies they have used to find a solution.</p>
Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Physical Development
<p>Understanding the World includes science, history, geography, ICT, designing and making and R.E. activities. In the first half of the term the children will learn about the life cycle of a chicken. We will then learn about summer and the seaside in the second half. They will use ICT programs and equipment to support their learning. We will also learn about the story of Noah's ark.</p> 	<p>Much of our art work will also be topic based. The children will be working with a variety of media and exploring different techniques. They will sing songs across the curriculum and continue to use instruments to accompany their singing. They will also develop their imaginative play through role play, especially retelling traditional tales.</p>	<p>The children's physical development is encouraged through daily fine motor activities such as threading and writing and also in the outside environment using equipment such as balls and bikes. In P.E lessons we are focusing on the use of space and footwork skills. We will also be preparing for Sports Day in the second half of term. The children also benefit from specialist games teaching from 'Rising Stars' every Wednesday morning.</p> 

Changing Books		
<p>A group of six children will be heard read each day to ensure all 30 children are heard over the week. Mrs O'Brien is also coming in to hear readers on a Friday afternoon and we have a parent helper so we aim to hear children at school twice a week. It is very important your child has their book bag at school every day so they always have it available when it is their turn to read. We also encourage you to read with your child at home as frequently as possible and for you to sign the reading diary every time you do! Library books will continue to be changed on Friday afternoons. In addition we will be introducing guided reading sessions in which children are taught the skills of reading in a small group.</p>		
Wow Moments	P.E Kits	Water Bottles
<p>Also we like to celebrate the children's achievements and progress in their learning, so if your child impresses you with something they have done, please write it on a slip of paper and we will add it to their learning journals.</p>	<p>The children need their P.E kits in school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They should have a P.E t-shirt and shorts. PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHES, COATS, SHOES AND BAGS ARE CLEARLY NAMED</p>	<p>Please can children in Reception bring a named bottle of water (no juice etc) into school every day. The bottle should have a sports top for ease of drinking. This ensures your children can drink freely during the day.</p>
Class Assembly	Trip Info	Outdoor play
<p>Please come and watch our class assembly on THURSDAY 27TH April at 9am. It is a wonderful opportunity to see much your children have grown over the year.</p> 	<p>Our summer trip this year will be to Willows Farm on Tuesday 4th July. This will be a good opportunity for children to learn more about different animals.</p> 	<p>Please can you make sure your child is prepared for outside learning in all weathers. Please apply suncream before school and provide them with sunhat for hot days. Please make sure children have suitable outdoor footwear and not sandals or crocs as these can be unsafe. Don't forget to still bring in wellies and a waterproof coat with hood on wet days.</p> 
Homework	Parent Partnership	
<p>Homework will be set weekly. This will involve a phonics activity, a maths activity and something linked to our topic. Homework will always be set on a Wednesday and due in on a Monday. In addition, please support your child to complete the 'Know Your Numbers' challenge. It is essential that your child reads every night and their reading diary is completed.</p>	<p>We always welcome your input, views and ideas and value all questions, so whatever it is you want to come and talk about with us we will always do our best to make ourselves available before and after school. We also would appreciate your help within the class. If you have a secret talent or love of something, whether gardening or cooking, sewing or painting we would like to know!</p> 	

As this will be the last newsletter of the year from me, can I take this opportunity to say thank you to all the children and parents in Reception class as it has been a pleasure to work with your children!

Mrs Mandel