

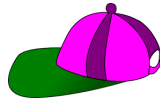


Summer Term



Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope you enjoyed your Easter break.

This term looks set to be a busy one as usual and after all the recent rain, it will hopefully be lovely and warm. Please ensure that your child has a **named** sun hat in school at all times and that sun cream is applied before school when necessary. Children should not bring sun cream to school and sun glasses are only permitted for medical reasons, such as hayfever, for which we need notification from parents.



Topics

We have arranged two visits for the children this term. One will be to the BEECHE centre at High Elms, where we will go for a walk around the woods and take part in a pond dipping session. This will link with the book 'Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. Later on in the term, we will also visit the Churchill Theatre to watch a play. You will receive further information about both of these visits in separate letters. We will also be taking advantage of the summer weather (we're always optimistic!) by growing lots of vegetables and herbs in our outdoor growing area. If you are of a 'green fingered' nature and have any excess vegetable plants, we will happily give them a good home. We will continue to tailor our learning activities to match the children's interests as much as possible and will also plan topics according to the time of year. This term, our topics will include pirates and dinosaurs. We will also learn about events as they happen, such as St. George's Day, local elections and the Royal wedding.

English

We will be reading a variety of stories and non-fiction texts. Usually, the books we work from will be based around our topics. A variety of writing opportunities, both adult led and child initiated, will continue to be available each week. Reading books will still be changed on a Tuesday in Miss Hinde's class, and Wednesday in Mrs Dakin's class. **Please make sure that you have signed to say that you have shared the books with your child, otherwise they will not be changed.** Phonics will continue to be taught every day, with homework coming home on a Friday.

Maths

We will be continuing to focus on reading, writing and ordering numbers to 20, adding and subtracting single digit numbers and comparing objects by weight, length and capacity. We will also be developing the children's problem solving abilities in practical situations. **Please continue to reinforce numbers 0-20 and beyond at home with your child.**

PE

Please can you ensure that all uniform and P.E. kit is **labelled clearly** with your child's name. This half term both Reception classes will be taking part in P.E lessons on a Monday. In addition to this, there are always opportunities to take part in Physical Development activities both inside and outside the classroom.

Show and Tell

This will continue as before. The children are permitted to share things they have made at home or items of interest from outings etc. Children should not bring toys to school. Photographs on Tapestry are a very useful starting point for children to talk about. If your child is generally quiet or shy, it may be a good idea to talk about what they could say to the rest of the class before it is their turn.

Reminders

Show and Tell days:

- Monday – Red
- Tuesday – Blue
- Wednesday – Green
- Thursday – Purple
- Friday – Orange

PE – Monday for both classes, **outside** if it is not raining.

Library – Tuesday for Miss Hinde's class, Thursday for Mrs Dakin's class

Book Changing – Tuesday for Miss Hinde's class, Wednesday for Mrs Dakin's class

Children with long hair should come to school with it tied up every day.

Children are not permitted to wear ear-rings during PE lessons. Please remove them **before** they come to school on Mondays.

We are all looking forward to an amazing final term in Reception. The children always make so much progress in all of the different areas of learning and it is wonderful to watch their development in these summer months.

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and see one of us after school.

Mrs Dakin and Miss Hinde

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