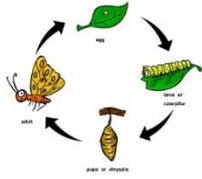


Reception Newsletter

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Down at the bottom of the garden

Our topic this term is all about growing. This includes looking at the life cycle of a butterfly, watching our mystery seeds and also looking at the mini-beasts that live amongst the plants and shrubs.

We will be focusing on the story Monkey Puzzle as our text to learn this term.

Our focus questions this term:

Week 1 - What details can you see that you've never noticed before?

Week 2 - Have you come across any new words today that you haven't heard before?

Week 3 - Do all things grow and change in the same way?

Week 4 - How could you tell me a story with yourself, friends or family as the main characters?

Week 5 - What do I know about the area I live in and how could I help to look after it?

Week 6 - How could you record what you like about summer?

Week 7 - What is my biggest achievement this year? What have I found the most challenging thing this year?



Welcome back, we hope you all had a good break over the half term!

- Just to remind you that you will receive a newsletter every term. This will be available on the website under our class page. Please check this page regularly as we will upload the texts we will be learning and photos of what we have achieved. If you would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, please let the office know.

What an exciting and busy few weeks we had last term! The children thoroughly enjoyed our pirate topic by learning the story of Black Eyed Bill and designing, making and testing their own pirate ships on the water. What fun and excitement will next term bring?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, we will be thinking about how we can become confident to try new activities independently, showing perseverance and resilience in the face of a challenge. We will be discussing the qualities of an independent learner and will be allowing the children opportunities to excel themselves in these skills.

Maths

This term we will be continue our focus on recalling our number bonds to 10, and recapping our double facts. We will also be doing a lot of exploring and representing patterns within numbers up to 10, this will include even and odd numbers.

Home activity Can you go on a bug hunt at home? Count up the amount of legs that you have found on the bug in total. If they had double the amount of legs/spots etc., how many would they have?

Have a go at this game to support with your child's understanding of recalling number bonds:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Physical Development

This term, P.E. will continue to be on a **Thursday** during which will continue to look at negotiating space and obstacles safely whilst exploring the apparatus, moving our bodies in different ways, practising our ball skills and taking part in a variety of activities in preparation for our sports day! . **SPORTS DAY IS ON WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE AT 9:00AM.**

Children are to come dressed in P.E kit and will stay in their kit for the whole day.

Understanding the World

Excitingly this term, we are going to be watching some chrysalis turn into butterflies- how exciting! Each of the children will also be planting a mystery seed. They will look after and observe their seed grow by keeping a diary of pictures and measurements of their plant.

Home activity: Why not encourage your child to look at and draw pictures of the flowers and plants in your garden or when out on a walk. Look at the colours and the different shapes and sizes. You could even grow your own cress, runner beans or strawberries so they can see the changes as they grow!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue with our focus on butterflies to create a life cycle and create our own patterned butterfly by exploring a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

Communication and Language, Reading and Writing

The children worked very hard last term on their reading and writing which has been lovely to see; they are all enjoying being able to complete reading and writing challenges more independently. This term we will be starting to write short phrases and sentences. We are also focusing on being able to spell red words correctly in our writing more confidently. Please practise writing the red word with your Child and remember to try to encourage them to help you with writing the shopping list or letters to friends and family.



Homework

Homework and reading books will continue to be weekly (due in on Thursdays, sent home on Fridays). We are encouraging children to take pride in their work at school so please can you make sure they are also doing this in their homework books. We check the books every week and love seeing and sharing with everyone their work that each child completes.

Also please make sure you are reading every day using the levelled reading book we send home. **Please keep their reading book in their book bag so that they can be changed weekly.**

Forest School

We will still be doing Forest School this term on a Monday. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for this session including wellies and as the weather warms up, that sun cream is applied and a hat brought with them.

Transition days information:

In preparation for year 1, the children will be spending a few days in their year 1 class with their new teacher to ease the excitement of transition.

On the last 2 days of school – Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July the children will be spending these days in their year 1 classrooms. As previously mentioned in the meeting at the beginning of the year, Peach and Pear class will be mixed up so they will be in their **NEW** classes -Holly and Hazel. These days will be spent becoming familiar with the routine of break and lunchtime, getting to know their teacher and starting to feel a sense of belonging in their new classrooms.

They will enter and leave from the year 1 classrooms and lunch will be as normal. More information about your child's classroom, teacher, routines and uniform will be sent near the end of term.

REMINDERS AND DATES

Monday 6th June – Term 6 begins. Children return to school.

Friday 17th June – PTFA special man in your life market.

Wednesday 22nd June- Peach and Pear Class Sports Day at 9:00am on the school field (children will come to school in their P.E kit and stay in them the whole day).

Friday 24th June – INSET DAY. No children in school.

Wednesday 29th June – Cotswold wildlife park trip.

Wednesday 13th July- PTFA summer fair

Wednesday 20th July- Reception Graduation Pear 2pm and Peach 2:30pm.

Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July - Transition Days (Children will be dropped off and collected from the Year 1 classrooms),

Friday 22nd July – Last Day of term finish at 1:45.

The Monkey Puzzle

There once was a monkey, a little brown monkey who sat sadly on his bum. He cried and he cried because he had lost his loving mum.

All of a sudden something flew by.

"Hush little monkey, don't you cry" said a beautiful, fluttering butterfly.

"Let's have a think. How big is she?"

"She's big!" said the monkey. "Bigger than me!"

"Bigger than you? Then I've seen your mum.

Come little monkey, come, come, come."

First they saw something with a piercing beak.

"No, no, no, that's a parrot, my mum doesn't squabble and shriek!

Ok, come little monkey, come, come, come."

Next they heard a strange hiss.

"No, no, no, that's a snake, my mum looks nothing like this!

Ok, come little monkey, come, come, come."

Then, they felt something hairy and fat.

"No, no, no, that's a spider, my mum doesn't have as many legs as that!"

Ok, come little monkey, come, come, come.

"But, butterfly, butterfly can't you see?

None of these creatures look like me!"

"I didn't know. I couldn't you see.

None of my babies look like me!

"Come little monkey, come, come, come.

Let's take you home to your.. Mum!"

The end