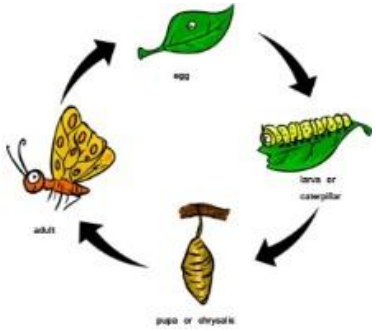
Reception Newsletter

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 to see what grows and also looking at the mini-beasts that live amongst the plants and shrubs.



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 without the use of counting aids. As part of this we will be recapping our double facts and using what we know about number bonds to look at subtraction facts within 10. We will also explore representing patterns within numbers up to 10, including even and odd numbers. As part of shape, space and measure we will delve deeper into spatial reasoning and mapping.

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?

Physical Development

We will be focusing on handwriting as part of our fine motor skills this term, supporting children to become fluent with their letter formation and write with appropriate letter size. P.E. will continue to be on a Friday. Please ensure earrings are either removed or taped on this day. We will be making use of the outside space and developing our gross motor skills and coordination through a variety of track and field events. Please can you ensure children have outdoor shoes in their PE kits each week. SPORTS DAY IS ON Wednesday 17th JUNE AT 9:15AM. Children are to come into school **dressed in P.E kit** and can stay in their kit for the whole day. Parents are welcome to attend sports day which will take place on the school field. Please can all children be at school promptly for 8:45am, so that it enables us to register and organise them into their groups. Access to and from the event will be from the school field gate on Edward street.

Understanding the World

Excitingly this term, we are going to be watching some caterpillars turn into butterflies! 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. At forest school we will also look at the changes in the environment around us as we move from spring to summer.

As part of our growing topic, we will be thinking about how we have grown and changed over time and our own personal history. To help with this, **please could you upload a baby picture of your child onto Tapestry**, so that pupils can make comparisons and support them to identify similarities and differences from then to now.

HOME ACTIVITY: Why not encourage the children 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 to see the changes as they grow!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue with our focus on minibeasts to create a representation of a life cycle. Pupils will also have the opportunity to create their own patterned butterfly by exploring a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. We will be learning a new song to perform at our end of year graduation ceremony and also exploring composition during music lessons on Wednesday afternoons.

Communication and Language, Reading and Writing



The children have 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 continuing to use phonic knowledge to write phrases and sentences. We are also focusing on being able to spell red words correctly in our writing more confidently. Please practise reading and writing red words from reading books at home. Pupils could also be encouraged to help you with writing the shopping list or letters/cards 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 working neatly in their homework books too. 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

There will be no Forest School this term.

Transition information:

In preparation for Year 1, later in the term the children will be spending some time exploring the Year 1 classrooms and meeting their Year 1 teachers to ease the excitement and anxiety of transition. Their Year 1 teachers will also visit them in the reception classrooms to get to know the children too. See below for more details on our whole school transition days.

On the last 2 days of school – Thursday 16th and Friday 17th, pupils will be spending full 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 year 1 routines, 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 new classroom, teacher, routines and uniform will be sent in due course.

Please note – **last day in Reception classes will be Wednesday 15th July**.

REMINDERS AND DATES

Monday 1st June – Term 6 begins. Children return to school
Friday 5th June - World Environment Day
Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June – Phonics screening check
Wednesday 17th June- Peach and Pear Class Sports Day at 9:15am on the school field (children will come to school in their P.E kit and stay in this the whole day).
Friday 19th June – PTFA special man in your life market.
Wednesday 24th June – Cotswold wildlife park trip
Friday 26th June – INSET DAY. No children in school.
Tuesday 14th July – Reception Splash Party
Wednesday 15th July- Reception Graduation
Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July - Transition Days (Children will be dropped off and collected from the Year 1 classrooms)
Friday 17th July – Last Day of term, school finishes at 1:45pm.