



Reception Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Curriculum Overview

Our two topic projects this term are called 'Animal Safari' and 'Creep, Crawl and Wriggle'.

Our main project this term is called 'Animal Safari'. In the Animal Safari project, your child will learn about incredible animals that live worldwide. They will explore various animal habitats and compare the animals that live there with animals in their locality. They will learn how to care for pets and what all animals need to grow, survive and stay happy and healthy. They will explore animal features and find out how they survive in the wild. They will compare the ways that animals are similar and different.

Our mini topic this half term is "Creep, Crawl and Wriggle". We will be learning all about minibeasts. We will observe minibeasts in their natural habitats and create shelters for them to live in. We will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly and explore what minibeasts, such as snails and worms, need to survive. We will also compare the features of minibeasts and learn the names of their body parts.

Phonics - We will continue to have daily Phonics lessons and learn Set 2 sounds.

Maths - We will be learning all about numbers 11-20, as well as 3D shapes.

RE - Our R.E. topic this half term is "Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?" We will be learning all about what the Bible says about God.

Music - Our topic this half term is 'Big Bear Funk'.

PE - Our PE lesson is every Wednesday at 9am, long hair needs to be tied up and earrings removed please.

Reading

Home readers - Please use the boom reader app to record each time your child reads at home. Remember they will earn a stamp in their reward chart if they read 3 or more times each week. If you are having trouble recording on the app please let us know so we can send home a reading record diary.

Library books - Every Friday Reception class will visit the school library. Children are allowed to take one book home to share with their grown-ups each week. We then expect the book to be returned on the following Friday to exchange for a new book.

Links with home

Tapestry accounts - Please upload photos and videos of things your child gets up to at home that they would like to share with the class in show and tell time.

General Notices

Behaviour system - In class we have discussed expected and unacceptable behaviour. Children are rewarded with team points for good behaviour in and around school and these contribute to our whole school team point totals. We also choose a star of the week each Friday in Reception Class.

Birthday- Your child can come in their own clothes on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend or a school holiday, please choose the day closest to it.

Water bottles - Please only send plain water in these.

Labelling clothes- Please ensure that you have labelled all your child's belongings, including P.E. kit, school uniform, bags, bottles, coats and shoes.

Weather - In Reception class we go outside whatever the weather! Please bring a raincoat every day. As the weather gets warmer children need to bring a sun hat to school and apply a long lasting sun cream before coming to school. Children can reapply later in the day if required. Please name their bottle of suncream (we would recommend a roll on sun cream, if possible.)

Kind regards Mrs Strellis, Mrs McGlynn and Miss Gamwell