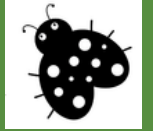




Reception Newsletter Summer 1 2024



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,
We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. Last half term was a brilliant term in Reception. The children, as ever, showed great enthusiasm for our Animals and Spring topics. We have more exciting topics in Reception this term starting with our Let's Grow! topic followed by Magnificent Minibeasts. We are very excited about our delivery of eggs (hatching project) and caterpillars later this term. We can't wait to observe and learn about growth and life cycles!

Dates for your diary

- 16.5.24/17.5.24 - School Photographs
- 23.5.24 - PTFA Funky Hair



Let's Grow! and Magnificent Minibeasts

This term our topics are 'Lets grow!' and 'Magnificent Minibeasts'.

We will be reading stories including; 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Tuesday' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will write instructions when planting a magic bean, as well as writing about what we might find at the top of our own imaginary beanstalk.

We will be planting our own seeds and observing them as they grow in our outdoor investigation area. We will talk about what plants need to grow. We will also be observing caterpillars as they grow and change in our minibeast investigation lab.

We will observe plants and flowers and make detailed drawings of what we can see. We will also look at the work of Henri Matisse and create our own spiral snail pictures

PE

Our PE days for this half term have changed and can be found below.

Please ensure that PE kits are in school all week. Could we also ask that you ensure PE kits are fully named so that lost kit can be returned as quickly as possible. We will be working with a sports coach from NUF and a sports coach from PE Sports Service for our weekly sessions this half term.

PE days this half term:

Ladybird Class: Monday and Wednesday

Honeybee Class: Monday and Tuesday



HALL HILL FARM

We had so much fun on our visit to Hall Hill Farm last term. It was a fantastic way to consolidate our learning about farm animals. The children enjoyed holding chicks, guinea pigs and rabbits as well as feeding goats, kids, donkeys and lambs. Thank you for your contributions towards this trip and to the parent volunteers - we really appreciate your support!



WORLD BOOK DAY

We loved celebrating World Book Day last half term. We enjoyed a special online author session with Kael Tudor, as well as a reading families session with Year 2 children.

We also had a special Handa's Surprise themed carousel day in Reception to fully immerse ourselves in the story. We enjoyed tasting exotic fruits, creating African silhouette art, basket weaving and listening to traditional African music.

NCETM WORKSHOPS

Thank you so much to everyone that was able to attend the parent/carer NCETM Maths @ Home workshops last half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and we hope that these have been beneficial to you and supported with the Maths @ Home activities.



Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch either by catching us on the door at home time or ringing/emailing the school office, who will pass on your queries. Alternatively, leave us a message on Tapestry and we will get back to you.

With your continued support, I am sure that we will have another successful and exciting half term ahead of us.

Best Wishes,

The Early Years Team