



Nursery and Reception Newsletter

Summer Term 1

2023 – 2024

Welcome back! Mrs Carter, Mrs Oakes, Mrs Lee, Mrs Blane and I hope you have enjoyed a lovely Easter break. The school year has flown by so far and we can't quite believe we only have one term remaining. We are excited to begin a new term, new topics and hopefully welcome a little more sunshine and warmth.

Curriculum

This half term we will begin to explore the season of summer and what the changing season means for the world around us. We will continue to develop our garden area where we have already planted peas, radishes and chives. We will also be planting some potatoes and having a sun flower growing competition. As always, we will use books to support our learning; this half term our class reading will include Jack and The Beanstalk and Jasper's Beanstalk.

Developing and embedding key skills in the three prime areas of the Early Years curriculum; Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development will continue to remain priority. Our Reception pupils will also continue to work towards their Early Learning Goals across the curriculum.

Phonics

Daily phonics lessons for all Reception pupils will continue with our phonics programme 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised'. This half term, the children will continue to consolidate the sounds they have learnt so far and develop their confidence with reading and writing longer words and short phrases. We will be adding to home learning packs to help support these new skills at home.

Some of our older nursery children have now been introduced to small group phonics sessions. This focuses on tuning into sounds through games and activities that allow them to develop their confidence and skill in this area. Each week Nursery will have a focus sound which will be shared on Tapestry. The children have really enjoyed these sessions so far and are always enthusiastic about sharing their new learning with you at home.

Maths

Nursery children will be developing their early counting, number and shape skills through play and exploration of the activities in our indoor and outdoor provision. Learning and singing number rhymes will also continue throughout the day.

Reception children will continue with a daily focused maths lesson. These sessions follow the White Rose Maths programme of learning in line with Maths teaching throughout the rest of the school. This half term the focus for those sessions will be continuing to develop a deep understanding of numbers ten and exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

Reading

Reception Reading Awards

We are so impressed with the number of children who have already received a reading award this year. Please continue to support your child's reading development by encouraging them to read with you every day. Just a few pages a day really does make all the difference to your child's overall learning and development.

Rhyme Time

Rhyme time is proving to be hugely popular with our Nursery and Reception children! We are all really enjoying both learning some new rhymes, as well as recapping some old favourites. We shall continue with another six rhymes this half term, so please keep an eye out on Tapestry for the weekly updates.

Lending Library

The lending library will continue this half term with the addition of some new books added for children to choose from. Please enjoy sharing these books with your children at home and remember they can return their books at any time to change them.

Physical Development

We shall continue to take full advantage of our spacious outdoor area to continue development of key physical skills. We are hopeful for some sunnier and warmer weather to enjoy more of our favourite outdoor activities. Nursery children are also enjoying weekly yoga sessions, having lots of fun using their imaginations and moving their bodies.

PE

Mr Dalmedo will be continuing with our twice-weekly PE sessions in Reception. We are still working towards our independence and self-care skills by changing into and out of PE kits during each lesson so please ensure a full kit is in school for this half term. Our PE days will remain flexible through the week so we will keep kits in school for the term unless they are in need of washing. For a full list of PE uniform please see the school website and ensure all items are clearly labelled in a named bag.

Magic Moments

Thank you for all the wonderful Magic Moments we received last term! We get to see the amazing things your child does at school each day but it has been lovely celebrating all the great moments you have with your child at home too. We will send a new blank certificate home with your child this term and look forward to receiving this back with your child's latest 'magical moment'.

Warm Weather

As the weather (hopefully) begins to warm up, please could you ensure that sun cream is applied before school and that children come to school with a named sun hat. Children should also have a named water bottle in school every day.

Wishing Tree

This term we will be adding our 'wishing tree' to the entrance way. We will be placing post it note 'wishes' on the tree. These are requests for every day items that we regularly use within our learning environment such as bottle tops, tubes, yoghurt pots etc. If you're happy to help out please take a wish from the tree and hand any collected items into school. Many thanks for your support with this.

Toddler and Baby Group

Mrs Carter runs our weekly Baby and Toddler group every Friday during term time in the school hall. All are welcome from babies to pre-schoolers. It's a very friendly group so please do pop along with any younger siblings. Timings are 9:45am – 11:00am.

Hopefully this newsletter has given you a brief snapshot into the exciting term ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to pop in and see myself or Mrs Carter and don't forget to check out Tapestry and the school newsletters for regular updates and news.

Mrs Butcher

Early Years Teacher