

Reception Newsletter Summer Term 2021

It's incredible to think it's the Summer Term already - and that the sun is shining! The children have come back well-rested and raring to go. It is amazing the amount of learning the children have done so far and how keen they are for more. It is a pleasure for us to see how they have developed in these past two terms. You have all done a great job at home!

What we are learning this term

We have an action packed half term with several topics. We are 'Full of Beans' and really growing in the first half term, which focuses on all sorts of growing, and in the second half we will be learning about all sorts of modes of transport... To support children's understanding, very soon we are hoping to have a visit from the Animal man and Farmer Shirley and her hen. Next term, we will be hoping for lots of wheels to make vehicles so should you have any, we are already starting our collection.

Visiting Animal Man

In previous years, the children have really enjoyed the animals he has brought in which are varied and unusual. We will be following all the usual Covid guidance to keep everybody safe.

WOW Cards

We have received fantastic WOW cards from you about your children. It is so exciting to hear about what they are doing at home. Please continue sending these in. We now email the home learning newsletter each week so don't attach them, but if you would like more WOWs, please see your child's teacher.

Clothing

As it is getting warmer and sunny (hooray!), please ensure that your children come in with appropriate clothing that will protect from the sun but enable the children to remain cool. Please make sure your children have a sun hat and are well creamed up before school. Feel free to send in sun cream that your children can apply themselves. **Please** label all your children's clothing so that any stray articles can be returned.

Reading

The children are progressing very well with their reading. Please keep writing in their journals and do make use of the Bug Club on line - it really does help children progress in their reading and comprehension. If you have forgotten your child's username or password, please speak to your child's teacher.

Take This Picture

This year we are taking the work of Sade Fadojutimi as inspiration for our Art focus of learning. She is a young local artist who works with different materials in an abstract way, using lines and colours to convey reflections, identity and memory.

When this work is completed and displayed we would like to set up an online gallery and organise an auction of the children's work to raise funds to put towards the development of our revamped EYFS outdoor area. This will be replacing our usual Early Years Garden party which is cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Donations for Cooking and other enhancements to learning

A gentle reminder that donations are very welcome so that we can buy ingredients for cooking and other activities. This can be quite costly so we ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p per week or £5.00 for the whole term. We will send out an envelope shortly, for this purpose.

Dates for your diaries:

- Vision and Hearing test - 29th April
- Bank Holiday - school closed - Monday 3rd May
- Half term break: 31st May - 4th June
- Inset day: No school for children - Friday 25th June

Thank you very much,
The Reception Team