

Summer Term II Newsletter

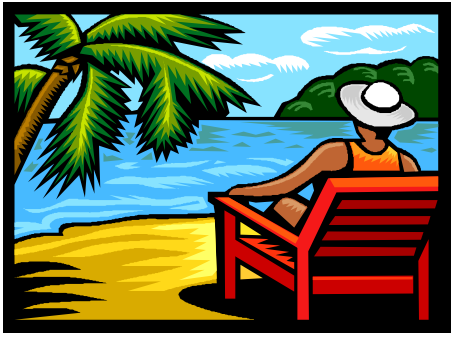
Welcome back to the final half-term in Reception Year! We may be coming to the end of the school year, but there are still lots of exciting things happening in Reception;



- The start of our new topic of Minibeasts (insects and spiders and worms things like that!) is one of the favourite of many children. We will be thinking about (and exploring at first hand) a great variety of insects, arachnids and generally small creatures both indoors and out. We are hoping to have a visit from a real minibeast investigator who will bring in some samples of weird and wonderful insects for the children to explore!
- We will be starting this topic with a visit to the library to stock up on some minibeast books. Letters have already gone out about this – we are hoping for a great day!
- A Minibeast Musical. We will be rounding off the term and the topic with the children all taking part in a song and dance spectacular all about the different kinds of minibeasts. More details will follow nearer the time...
- We will also be visited by a parent who is an art teacher and will be working with the children on some weaving sculptures. Remember that we need lots and lots of plastic bags for this activity so start collecting now!
- As the final term develops children will think more and more about their transition to Year One and their new class teacher in September. We will be making careful plans to support children in what is an exciting time in their education. Children will spend “Transition Day” in their new class with their new teacher to give them a taster of what they can expect as they move on. This will take place on Wednesday 30th June. More details of this will follow – keep checking the school website for further details.

Alongside this we will be continuing to develop and extend children’s learning in all of our usual areas of learning.

For Literacy we will be embarking on the creation of a story with the children. Lasting 3 weeks, this will enable the children to produce a story which they can take with them to show their new Year One teacher in September! We will also be encouraging the children to write a “Thank You” letter to send to the library after we have visited. Finally, we will be focussing lots of story time on minibeast books, in particular *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and a range of non-fiction books about minibeasts.



In our numeracy sessions we will be revisiting our understanding of the number system, supporting children to become secure when working with numbers to 20 and beyond!

As the sunshine becomes warmer and the time spent by children outdoors (looking for minibeasts!) increases so too does the need for sun cream. Please send your child's sun cream into school in a named bottle so they can apply it when required. It is also a good idea to practice putting on the correct amount with children before you send in a new bottle – this will prevent them from using it all in one go!

Many thanks for your continuing support,

The Reception Team.