

Summer Term Newsletter II

Welcome to our Summer Term Newsletter!

We have had a fantastic start to the summer term and children have made fantastic progress in so many different areas. The topic on minibeasts gripped the children who all enjoyed finding and thinking about small creatures of all descriptions! Here are just some of the highlights:



- Minibeast Musical. The children worked very hard to learn lots of songs in quite a short time and succeeded in entertaining all of our parents with a captivating showcase across three performances. Well done to each and every child!
- Smithill's Farm trip. Despite the wet weather, this proved to be a brilliant trip. The children really enjoyed meeting and getting up close to lots of different animals as well as learning how a modern farm works.
- In the woods the children made houses for the minibeasts that inhabit the Outside classroom. Using natural materials and working in teams, the children constructed a range of shelters for our minibeast friends! Children really thought about what minibeasts may need to thrive and tailored their designs accordingly.
- Watching our caterpillars grow in their pots, get larger and larger before they formed cocoons where they stayed for 2 weeks, before emerging as beautiful butterflies on the last day of term, appropriately right after the minibeast musical!



Even though the end of the school year is only a few weeks away, there are still lots of exciting things still to happen. Here are details of just a few:

- Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium. This is a full day out for the children and a fantastic experience to enjoy. More details will follow nearer the time.
- A 'Pirates and Princesses' party. This will take place in the final week of term and will be open to parents who wish to attend. We hope as many of you as possible will choose to mark the end of a hugely successful year for your children as they continue their educational journey into year 1.
- Transition Day. This will take place on 1st July. Your child will be able to spend time during this day with their new teacher in their new classroom. This will allow them to become acquainted with their new surroundings in advance of their return in September.

This term a lot of children's learning will be based on the theme of 'Water'; why we need it, how it helps all living things, how it acts, how it can be changed, how it feels to touch and taste - the list is almost endless! We will also be using water as a basis for many of our stories over the next seven weeks: from Mrs Wishy Washy to Noah's Ark, it promises to be a watery final   to the year!

Thanks to all the parents who have paid snack money for their children's daily snack. We would like to remind you that snack money can be paid either weekly (£1) or half-termly (£7).



As the weather begins to get warmer and the sun shines longer and brighter, it is a good idea to ensure children know how to protect themselves from the sun's effects. Staff will inform children when the weather is sunny and children will be encouraged to take appropriate precautions. If you wish, send your child to school with a (named) sun hat to protect their heads. Teach your child to apply their own sun cream and send in a supply in a named bottle for your child to store in their tray. If your child finds applying sun cream difficult then

simply apply before your child comes to school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best wishes.

The Reception Team