

### Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to school for the Summer Term, we hope that you enjoyed the 'Easter Holiday's' and managed to rest and bask in the early spring sunshine with your families. As we enter the final term in Reception, we will begin preparing the children ready for year 1. Throughout the term we will continue to share your child's learning via the Dojo app.

#### Important dates for your diaries:

**Mini Condors Class Assembly 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**St George's Day Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Mini Condors Butterfly House Trip Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Mini Merlins Butterfly House Trip Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Bank Holiday Monday – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 & 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Reading books and library books will come home on a **Thursday**. Please ensure your child returns their books on a **Monday** each week.

PE will now be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure the children come to school in their Armfield PE kit on these days and earrings are removed.



### In Maths

During the summer term we will continue to practise and consolidate the key skills: subitising, counting, composition, comparing & ordering, sorting & matching. As mathematicians, we will be developing our understanding of numbers to 20 and beyond. We will learn to identify numbers using different representations and numerals. The children will be encouraged to recognise patterns and see the full ten and part of a ten number. We will learn to sequence and say what comes before and after a given number.

**Watch at home: Numberblocks series 3 Tween Scenes.**

### Communication Language and Literacy

Our T4W (Talk 4 Writing) focus this term will be about growth and change. The main text we will be using is The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

We will be reading a range of other fiction and non-fiction texts like, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Tiny Seed, Handa's Surprise and The Enormous Turnip. We will be developing our speaking skills by re-telling stories and learning traditional Nursery Rhymes.

Daily phonics sessions will continue with Phase 4 which focuses on consolidating and improving knowledge. We will be introducing more tricky words, increasing vocabulary, improving blending and fluency when reading.

Thank you for your continued support at home.



### Home Learning

Please support your child by continuing to practise the sounds they have learnt in phonics and any additional sounds/tricky words that are sent home.

Follow this link for lots of additional support:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

## Summer 1 Farming, Plants



### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be listening and appraising Funk music. Learn to sing songs and nursery rhymes and learn to play an instrument with a song.

We will be developing our observation and painting skills by exploring still life paintings and drawings inspired by the work of Cezanne.



We will learn to mix colours to give a range of shades.

### Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be focusing on sharing and taking turns. Listening to one another and being sensitive to the needs and feelings of others. We will talk about behaviour and consequences.

We will explore the different ways we keep safe at school, home and when out, including keeping safe in the sun.

### Physical Development

Each child will take part in their weekly sessions on a Friday. We will continue with the Daily Mile and Walk to School initiatives. Our focus in PE will be fundamental movement skills.



### Understanding the World

The children will be finding out all about farming, learn about growing food on farms and the vegetables grown in the UK. We will explore life cycles and farm animals and have a go at planting and growing our own vegetables. We will also discover and taste exotic fruits from other countries.

We will be Celebrating St George's Day and exploring stories in RE.