

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to school for the last term of this academic year. We hope that the children are well rested for a busy term. As we enter the final weeks in Reception, we continue to consolidate learning and prepare 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:

Merlins Attendance Reward Thursday 15th June

Sports Day Wednesday 21st June

Condors Workshop Thursday 22nd June

Condors Zoo Trip Monday 26th June

Merlins Zoo Trip Wednesday 28th June

Merlins Workshop Thursday 29th June

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.



Communication Language and Literacy

Our T4W (Talk 4 Writing) focus text this term will be a recount of the text **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury.

We will be reading a range of other fiction and non-fiction texts like... 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. This is especially important in preparation for Year 1.

Follow this link for lots of additional support:

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

Expressive Arts and Design

As Musicians we will Reflect, Rewind and Replay. This consolidates the learning from the year and is focused around revisiting nursery rhymes/songs and looking at the history of music.

We will explore art inspired by nature by studying the work of Henri Rousseau and Andy Goldsworthy. We will draw and paint a jungle scene and create some transient art.

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

In RE we will be exploring the question: *What makes a place special?* The children will focus on special places within Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

We will look at seasonal change – Summer: daylight hours change, temperature change, protecting our skin from sunburn, picnics & the beach.

As Geographers we will discover what a volcano is and explore the time when dinosaurs roamed the Earth. This will lead us to look at how we can protect the Earth by recycling.

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 focus on odd & even numbers, spatial reasoning (seeing things in relationship to one another, for example, exploring maps), problem solving and patterns relationships (the relationship between numbers and shapes).



Personal, Social and Emotional

The children will learn about their new routines and expectations ready for their transition to Year 1.

We will also focus on keeping safe in the sun.