



Reception Newsletter

Summer Term 1 - 2023/2024

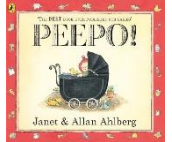


Welcome back to our final term of the year!

We hope you have had a lovely, relaxing break. Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak to those who celebrated over the holiday. Last half term we had so much fun. We learnt about life long ago, reading stories like 'Peepo!' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We looked carefully at the pictures to see if we could spot things that were old fashion and talked about what they would look like now. We even went as far back as the dinosaurs looking at what they looked like, what they ate and how we know so much about them.



Thank you to all our special grown ups who came to complete our Easter crafts - the children really do love spending time with you in school. We hope to celebrate Eid once the children return and Ramadan is over.



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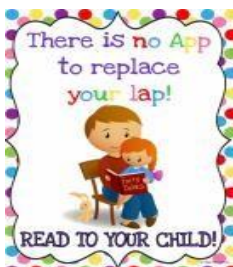


Are all minibeasts scary?

We will launch our learning this half term with a bug hunt around the school grounds. This will give us even more first-hand experience when we begin to learn about different insects such as butterflies and spiders. We will learn about habitats and life cycles as well as the ingenious ways minibeasts protect themselves from predators and how they have a positive impact upon all our lives.

We plan to celebrate all our amazing learning with our very own 'Ugly Bug Ball' at the end of the half term!

Reading



As we near the end of the year it is even more important that you read with your child at home.

Please remember to read with your child every night.

Reading books are changed once a week. Your child will receive a phonics reading book and a library book for you to share. Children need to practice reading their phonics book multiple times so they can recognise the words in it and build up their confidence and fluency. If you would like an additional book each week for your child to read at home please speak to a member of staff. It is really important that you write in your child's reading record so we can keep an accurate record of your child's home reading.

Important Dates

St George's Day (23rd April)
 Bank Holiday (6th May)
 Deaf awareness week (6-12th May)
 Mental health week (13-19th May)
 Eid 10th April
 Trip to the Sea Life Centre (20th May)
 Friday 24th May - School closes for half term
 Monday 3rd June - SCHOOL CLOSED for INSET day
 Tuesday 4th June - School re-opens for Summer 2

Maths in Reception

We have spent a lot of time this year working with numbers to ten. We are now introducing teen numbers. We will begin to understand that they are made up of 10 and a bit and look at how this related to the way we write the numerals. We will practice saying the numbers in the correct order and use this to help us count larger amounts of objects. Try to talk about and use numbers every day. How many steps do they go up to go to bed? How many sausages do you need to cook for all the family? What number can you see written on the bus driving past? How many times can they throw and catch the ball before they drop it?

Phonics at Home

phonicsplay.co.uk is a great and fun website for the children to practice their phonics skills. There are lots of interactive games that the children can access to reinforce all the skills we have been learning in school.

PE

Our PE sessions continue to be on Thursdays. Blue Tang and Clownfish have it on alternative weeks. Please make sure that your child has a full PE kit in school.



Please continue to share work and experiences on tapestry. The children really enjoy sharing them with the class. Each day we make time to share our "super learning," and this can be things they have done at home too.



Thank you

Thank you one again for your continued support as we work together in the best interests of the children. Please remember to continue to talk to your child, ask them questions and read them a bedtime story each night. Remember if you have any questions then please speak to your child's teacher.