

Reception Term 5 Newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a happy and safe break. We are excited for another fun-filled term full of lots of exciting learning opportunities. We are excited to immerse the children in the following texts this term:



Text – Jack and the Beanstalk
Text – The Extraordinary Gardener

Literacy:

We teach the children the following objectives to improve their writing: to begin to write longer words which are spelt phonetically; to begin to use capital letters at the start of a sentence and full stops at the end of sentences; to use finger spaces between words, and to spell some taught tricky words correctly. We will also be asking the children to read their work back. We will continue to practise forming lower case letters and capital letters using the correct orientation. In reading, we will begin to answer questions about what we have read and use key vocabulary from the book within our answers. Please look out for our class retelling of both stories on Tapestry!

Maths:

In our maths lessons and adult-led groups we will be counting forwards and backwards from different numbers. We will compare and order numbers to 10 and we will investigate odd and even numbers. We will learn to double numbers to 10 as well as find number bonds to 10.

PE / Physical Development

Our whole class PE session will be on a Friday in the school hall. We will be focusing on ball skills including rolling a ball to a target; developing accuracy when throwing to a target; developing bouncing and catching techniques and developing the skills of dribbling and kicking. We will also begin our **cycling lessons** in small groups on a Tuesday (more information to follow) so please ensure children arrive in school wearing their PE kits on both Tuesday & Fridays.

Online Safety:

We will continue to teach children about keeping safe online during our weekly Computing and Online Safety lessons. This term, our Online Safety focus will be Online Relationships. The children will learn the ways that the internet can be used to communicate. We will also be learning how to program commands into a Beebot within our Computer Science sessions.

Reading and Homework

Please continue to read with your child at least five times per week at home and record the reading in their reading records. We ask that one of these reads involves your child practising reading their Collins Phonics book to you. The number of reads are counted in school each week and prizes for every 25 reads are rewarded in our celebration assemblies.

We encourage children to share their new learning with their families, so phonics and handwriting homework will be sent home every **Friday** and should be returned on a **Wednesday**.

Roves Farm

This term we are excited to visit Roves Farm on Tuesday 21st April. Please let the office know if you would like to volunteer to help.

Thank you for your continued support; we look forward to sharing another fantastic term with you – please continue to look on Tapestry for regular learning updates.

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