

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 as well as learning to double numbers to 10. We will also find number bonds for the numbers 7, 8, 9 and 10.

PE / Physical Development

Our whole class PE session will continue to be on a **Tuesday afternoon** in the school hall. We will continue to practise the fundamental skills.

Outdoor Learning

In Reception, we learn both indoors and outside, and we will be outside during all weathers. On our Welly Walks, we will continue to look for signs of Spring as the warmer weather arrives!

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 login to your child's Collins account to access their eBook that they have been practising in school. We ask that you read this book a minimum of once per week and record this in your child's reading record. The children will also bring home a reading for pleasure book which you can read in addition to the eBook and record this in the reading record. We ask children to read a minimum of 5 times per week. 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 tricky words homework will be sent home every **Friday** and should be returned on a **Wednesday**. This will allow you to support your child at home and see what great learning they have been doing. We will also be sending home some letter formation practise from this term, so please support your child with this, too.

Roves Farm

This term we are excited to visit Roves Farm on Tuesday 13th May. Please let the school 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 and your children – please continue to look on Tapestry for regular learning updates.

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