

Reception Newsletter Summer Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to a busy summer term, with, hopefully, some nice weather allowing us to spend lots of time outdoors, learning in the outdoor play areas, visiting the environmental area and enjoying P.E. in the playground or on the field. (Please could you check your child's plimsolls as we will be using these regularly now!)

Our topic this term is Bears and this will provide the basis for our teaching and learning across the Foundation Stage curriculum.

In literacy we will be focusing on:

- becoming independent writers.
- having the confidence to use their phonic knowledge to try and spell simple words themselves.
- developing their spoken language in all curriculum areas, e.g. asking questions, giving reasons for answers and explaining their work.

In numeracy we will be:

- consolidating addition and subtraction skills.
- developing problem-solving skills.
- counting in 2's and 10's.
- using measuring in different situations.
- exploring shape in 2D and 3D.

We will be looking at:

- growth and lifecycles.
- planting seeds and observing their change over time.
- looking at artists' work.
- creating 3D pictures.
- developing ball skills.
- learning to skip.
- using the computer room regularly to support the children's learning.

After half term, we will be having a Teddy Bears' picnic and fun afternoon to which, of course, every child can invite their teddy (or cuddly equivalent!). More details to follow nearer the time.

As is our usual practice the classroom assistants will be moving around again this term. The rota is:

	1 st half term	2 nd half term
Class 7	Mrs. Rosenthal	Mrs. Ravi
Class 9	Mrs. Ravi	Mrs. Bakul
Class 10	Mrs. Bakul	Mrs. Rosenthal

All the children are familiar with these adults and will continue to receive very valuable and high quality support from them all.

We hope this has been useful in letting you know a little about your child's time in school and do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Thank you for all your continued support with your children's learning.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs. S. Priest (Foundation Stage Co-ordinator and Class 10 teacher)

Mrs. A. Stack (Class 10 teacher)

Miss D. Lee (Class 9 teacher)

Miss S. Haworth (Class 7 teacher)

Have fun with your child this summer.

Now nights are lighter and the weather better (!) make the most of learning outdoors!

Balls, hula hoops, bats and skipping ropes are good (and relatively cheap) for developing fitness and physical skills for life and will complement the skills we will be working on in school.

A bucket of water and a paintbrush provide hours of fun and learning and no mess to clear up! If you have a path or patio children can 'paint' with water - pictures, patterns and even writing letters or messages. Talking about why the water disappears brings in science and leads on to talking about the sun, shadows and keeping safe.

It is a good time for farm visits, as there are often baby animals at this time, and exploring forests and country parks, looking for minibeasts. (but not bringing them home!)

If you go anywhere at all we would welcome the children bringing in a photo or memento to share with us and talk about their experiences as this helps them to develop skills and confidence as a speaker.