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Reception Newsletter, Summer Term 2 2021

It is hard to believe that the children are coming towards the end of their year in Reception. It has been such a difficult year with the lockdown and self-isolation periods but despite this, they have all worked really hard and grown up so much through the year. However, before they leave us, we still have a half term full of exciting learning.

Literacy

In order to make up the time lost, we have been teaching phonics twice a day since returning in March. This has made a significant impact on the children's reading and writing so please be reassured that we are doing everything we can to get them ready for Year One.

The children's progress in reading this year has been fantastic – thanks to all the parents and carers who have supported us by reading regularly at home– it has made such a difference. For the next few weeks we will be focussing, in particular, on the children's writing to try to get their attainment in this to the same high standard as their reading. Writing is so much harder for them to master especially since to meet the Early Learning Goal their writing has to be able to be read by others! Therefore, please continue to help them by encouraging them to write at home – for example sounding out the letters of words in the car, writing lists for you by sounding out words themselves, writing little notes or playing games that include writing.

Our curriculum and blog updates

Last half term we did lots of lovely activities about Spring – having tadpoles and butterflies in class and growing beans. We also went on some journeys on various vehicles and to a variety of destinations. We always put up a blog post on a Friday to update you about what we have learnt that week, including the words that we have learnt. Please do look at this so that you can ask your child about their learning. You can find it on lingsprimaryblogs.net on the Reception tab.

Summer Sun

Please ensure that your child brings in a water bottle every day (**no juice please in class, only for lunch**). If sun is forecast, please ensure they have a named cap/sun hat at school and apply sun cream in the morning (long lasting sun cream is available).

If you have a daughter who wears summer dresses and is active at school you may wish to put her in a pair of little shorts under the dress.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears our school uniform and not their own clothes. This includes PE which is black shorts or jogging bottoms and a black or white top.

Ordering hot dinners

If your child has a hot dinner at school please can you make sure that you are ordering them in time as there is an increasing number of children for whom we are having to order for.

Transition to Year One

Some of the children (and parents/carers) have already started to ask questions about Year One. Please be assured that we will work closely with the Year One Teachers to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. This will include the Year One Teachers visiting the children in the Reception classrooms as well as us taking the children into the Year One classrooms. Your child will know who their new teacher will be on Transfer Day, Monday 5th July, when they will spend the whole day with them.

School Reports

You will receive your child's report on Monday 12th July.

Many thanks for all your support.

The Reception Team