

# Newsletter

## Summer 2018 – Reception



This half-term the children will be writing in many different ways; we will be encouraging the children to independently think of sentences and do this by asking them to write about their own everyday experiences, reflecting on things they have done in the classroom, while they are working in the areas of learning and also writing about memorable experiences outside of school.



In Phonics we will be working within Phase 3 and 4 of the Letters and Sounds teaching programme. The children will be learning how to read and write longer words. We will be introducing some more tricky words, reading two syllable words such as treetop, lunchbox, farmyard and will be practising reading high frequency words and tricky words in a range of sentences.

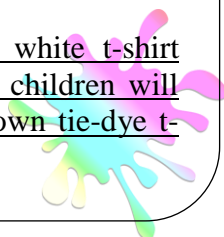
In Maths we will be continuing to develop the children's addition and subtraction skills with lots of practice counting on or back to find the answer. We will be learning how to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and will spend time working with objects to develop an understanding of grouping. We will be problem solving using the basic skills acquired from prior learning linked to doubling, halving and sharing. The children will continue to explore 2D and 3D shape and we will discuss, identify and recognise the properties of each shape.

### Topic

Our topic this half-term is 'How many colours in a rainbow?' We will be looking at colour, colour mixing, artists and paint techniques. We will also look at lifecycles, how plants grow and discussing the season of Spring.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> April EYFS are getting some special guests for 2 weeks. We will be seeing chicks hatching from eggs.

Please can you send in an old white t-shirt which still fits your child as the children will have the chance to design their own tie-dye t-shirt.



A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they:

- Read 4 times in a week at home
- Follow Golden Rules
- Wear correct uniform
- Have full attendance for the week
- No late marks



Thank you, Miss Walker, Miss Firman and Mrs Stone

### Useful Information

- We have a collection tin in both Reception cloakrooms for contributions. £1 a half term would be greatly appreciated.
- Reading books are changed on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**
- P.E day is **Thursday.**
- Homework is due in on a **Tuesday** and new homework will be sent out on a **Thursday.**
- Please can we ask that **no medication boxes** are sent in for our model making area.
- We would like to clarify that the children only get **one sticker per day for their reading at home.** If your child reads two or more times in a day it will only count as one sticker. It is only home reading that counts towards the children's total, not reading to adults in school.
- Bank Holiday – **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**
- Trip to see The Ugly Duckling Ballet – **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**
- Stay and play – **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1.30pm**
- Break up – **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**
- PD Day – **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**
- Back to school **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**
- Sports Day- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July-** Parents welcome from 1.30pm