

Reception Newsletter!

Friday 26th April 2019

Week 1

We have had a lovely start to our final term in Reception class. (We still can't quite believe it is the summer term already!) It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and hear all about your lovely Easter holidays.

This week we have been working through our Phonics assessments. We have reviewed all our Phase 2 and 3 sounds, read words containing these sounds, read tricky words and worked hard to spell our key words. We are very impressed with how hard the children have worked so far this year and they are all making fantastic progress. This half term we are going to focus on spelling using our Phase 3 sounds as well as writing Phase 3 tricky words. We are also going to focus on writing simple sentences with increasing levels of independence. We have sent home a weekly overview of our key words for the summer term.

This week we have started our whole school topic; 'Sustainable Living.' In Reception we have talked about what the word 'sustainability' means. We learnt that sustainability is ensuring that the planet and all of its resources can continue to provide a home for the humans, animals and plants that live here. We know that it is our job to take care of the planet to ensure that future generations of people and animals can live and thrive on Earth. We had lots of fun discussing and planning what we would like to learn and do over the next half term. We have decided we want to spend more time in our garden, using our own vegetables to make food. We are going to investigate how we can further develop the way we recycle in our class and create a recycling station. We also want to investigate how we could stop ice from melting and find out how we can help to look after all the turtles by reducing the plastic and pollution that enters the oceans.

In our mathematics session this week we have had lots of fun investigating measuring length and height. We found a life size gorilla's hand print and decided to explore the outdoor classroom finding objects that were both bigger and smaller. We also investigated the statement: the tallest person jumps the furthest. **Ask us what we found out!**

We had our first Athletics session this week with Mr. Thompson. We learnt how to complete a standing long jump and had a class competition to see how far we could jump. **Ask us all about it!**

Wow Wednesday Dates

Wow Wednesdays provide an opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journey. **They are held between 8.30-8.50 am on the following dates:**

Wednesday 8th May

Wednesday 22nd May

Wednesday 12th June

Wednesday 26th June

Wednesday 3rd July

Sustainable Living Topic Resources

We would be very grateful if you could please send in any 'junk' recycling materials you might have into school. In particular we need lots of 2 liter plastic bottles for an exciting gardening project we have planned.

If you, or anyone you know, has a particular interest and knowledge with regards to sustainable living and you would like to come into school to either talk to the children or get involved with our activities please do let us know!

Thank you for your continued support.

Our week in pictures...



We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms Shepherd and the Reception Team.