

Early Years Newsletter Summer 2019



25th April 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break and are now ready for our exciting topic '**Out and About**'. We have planned for some exciting learning this term so that the children will continue to develop their skills and confidence in all areas of the curriculum. It's always great to get out and about as the weather gets warmer and we hope to do a couple of local walks. We will look at different places around us in the local area and gather children's knowledge of places they have visited further afield. So if you are planning outings at weekends perhaps the children could bring in pictures or postcards of places they visit.

A copy of our learning journey is on the website, www.bartons.w-sussex.sch.uk so that you can see what we will be learning in all the areas of the curriculum. Please come and ask if you have any questions regarding this.

What else will we be doing?

We will, of course, continue to develop the children's literacy and numeracy skills as well as providing plenty of opportunities for their own self-initiated play. We hope to see more reading and writing being done independently now. We will continue to start the day promptly with our carousel of writing and physical development- developing our fine motor skills.

We will spend slightly more of our day on focused tasks, such as number activities, that will help with vital skills that are needed as the children move towards Year 1.

Please continue to support your children with their reading at home. We know that this can sometimes be a struggle but it really does benefit the children. Each year we notice that children who have lots of support with their reading at home are more confident and able to attempt reading more complex texts when they move into Year 1. Please also make sure that you comment on how they have read in their Reading Diary and note when you have practised the red words.

Don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions.

Writing is also an important element of our curriculum and many children are now sounding out and writing words confidently. Any practise you can do with them at home will be beneficial and help them to see how writing is useful in our daily lives outside of school; writing shopping lists, birthday cards, stories, maps and posters. We hope they will all be attempting to write at least simple sentences independently by the end of the term.

PE in the Summer term

As the weather improves (we hope), the children will have the opportunity to spend more time outside. We will also be doing some of our PE lessons outside and the children will require plimsolls for this. Please ensure your child has a pair of well fitting, named plimsolls in their PE bag at all times. You might also like to provide tracksuit bottoms or leggings while the weather is cooler. Thank you.

Please also ensure that all new summer clothing is named!

Next Steps

We continue to work towards the targets we set for the children at parents evening. We would like to encourage you to continue to contribute to their learning journey books by writing post-it notes or sending observations you have made through the 2 build a profile email system or on the attached form.



Diary Dates

We are very excited that we are going to be part of the Huff and Puff programme again this year and the launch for this is on **Monday 1st July at about 2.30pm** in the school hall. We would like as many parents as possible to attend this meeting to see a demonstration of how the children can use simple PE equipment (which will be provided) at home. It is offered to us **FREE** and the children love to be involved in the activities.

The follow up for this event will be at The Arena later in July. Children will be able to show their skills and have fun playing games with the equipment they have been using at home. A letter with further details will be sent out soon.

Contacting us

If you have any general concerns that you would like to address then please ask to see us outside school hours, either before or after. You can also arrange this by contacting the school office on 01243 822056.

Many Thanks
Mrs Reynolds and
The Early Years Team.

Please use the following form if you see your child using their learning or practising their skills to do activities at home.

eg. I heard Max counting all of his cars as he lined them up. He counted up to 15.

eg. Sophie enjoyed sounding out the letters and saying the numbers she recognised on car number plates.

My child's learning at home

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