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Reception News

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break.

Learning Challenge

Our learning Challenge this half term will be 'The Curious Garden'. We will be looking at a range of story books relating to this topic and also carrying out some research using non-fiction books and the internet in the aim to learn more about minibeasts and the world we live in.

In English we will look at the books 'Twist and Hop Minibeast Bop', 'Super Worm', and 'Jo MacDonald had a Garden'. We will think about the different minibeasts and plants in the stories and will explore the themes of the natural world we live in. Throughout this topic children will have many opportunities to explore the outdoor environment and carry out research using a variety of methods.

We will also be continuing our daily phonic lessons where children will learn a specific letter sound each day. We aim to provide lots of opportunities to learn the daily sound by displaying them in the provision within the classroom for the children to access independently. As a result of the children becoming more confident with the sounds, we have now started to segment and blend words in order to read. Children are making fantastic progress!

In Maths we will be focusing on learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will begin to use their mathematical names and use mathematical language to describe their properties. This is a fun topic and one that we can all get involved in. With your help, we can encourage children to spot a variety of shapes in their everyday environment.



Reading Books

Your child will continue to read daily in class throughout this term. Each child will learn to read the book at school with one of the Reception team. Once your child is confident at reading the book we will then allow them to take the book home for them to share and discuss with you.

Along with your child's book there will be a reading log book where you can record when you have listened to them read and add any comments that you feel are important, including any words or sounds they are finding tricky. It is extremely important that children are read with at home to help with their development. **We ask that children have their book bags with them in school on a daily basis.**



Thank you again for your continued support. Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions.

Miss Dunn, Miss Bruce, Mrs Qayyum, Mrs Dauraz, Mr Skillings, Miss Hardy and Miss Khan.

Settling back in

The Reception Team hope that you have all had a fun half term. We are now settling back into the routines of Reception. We wish to remind you that doors open at 8.45am and close at 9am and the school day now ends at 3pm. To ensure that we can begin our phonics lessons promptly at 9.10am can we ask that children arrive at the correct door on time. This time in the morning will also enable us to relay any messages or inform you of any urgent matters. If you have any questions or concerns the member of staff on the door will be happy to help. We encourage children to be dropped off at the door by an adult, allowing them to come in independently and settle into their morning routines with increasing self-confidence.



Quick Reminders

- ❖ Can you please make sure that your child brings their book bag daily to allow us to listen to your child read and provide us with the opportunity to change their reading books regularly.
- ❖ We ask that children bring a spare pair of underwear and bottoms in case of any accidents in school.
- ❖ Reception will be having their PE lessons on a **Tuesday**, therefore, your child will need a pump bag, red or white t-shirt, black PE shorts and pumps. These will stay at school on their peg for the whole term.
- ❖ As the weather is constantly changing from sun to rain, could we kindly ask that your child is sent to school in appropriate clothing and footwear.
- ❖ Could we please kindly remind you to label **all** your child's clothing even items such as coats and vests.
- ❖ We kindly ask that parents and carers don't stand too close to the door at home time so that staff can release the children safely.

Up and Coming Events!

- Breakfast club will continue daily from 8.00am and is open to everybody – we hope to see you there!
- Better Together sessions will be held on weeks commencing 11 March 2019 and 18 March 2019.
- Parents' evening will also be held this half term on Wednesday 20 March and Thursday 21 March 2019.