



Reception – Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and you are ready for the term ahead. I always enjoy this term because the weather is getting nicer and the nights are becoming lighter.

Lifecycles This half term our topic is Lifecycles. We will be using different stories to support us with our learning. Our first book is The Teeny Weeny Tadpole which will give us the opportunity to observe our own tadpoles and see how they change over time. We will also be using Monkey Puzzle and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. This half term will also see the lead up to the Platinum Jubilee. We will be learning all about it and celebrating it! More information will follow.

Welly Wednesday: Every Wednesday we will continue to access our amazing school grounds. We will use the woods to explore and undertake outdoor learning. Please send in boots in a bag every Wednesday. If you do not have boots, we have spare ones in school.

Curriculum: We will continue to learn through play-based activities. Children are challenged by interactions with staff and the use of effective questioning. Children have access to a variety of resources, for example, sand, water, construction and role play to allow them to develop their imagination independently. We also utilise the outdoor area daily to enhance our learning. It is therefore important that your child has the appropriate clothing in school.

Reading – All children are now accessing the Little Wandle reading books. Thank you for looking after them so carefully. This is essential because each book forms part of a set. Please remember to return books daily. A new reading book will be given every Monday. Alongside this, your child will have a reading for pleasure book which will be changed on a Tuesday. It is essential that it is in school on this day. Please can you read a minimum of 4 times each week and sign the reading diary.

PE- We will be continuing with our PE lesson on a Monday. A full PE kit needs to be in school. Last half term we had a lot of uniform getting mixed up. Please label all clothing to avoid this happening. If your child doesn't have their PE kit in school, Miss Maguire will be phoning to ask for it to be brought to school by lunch time.

Milk and Fruit: Milk and fruit is provided daily to all children. Once your child turns 5 they are no longer entitled to free milk. You have the option to pay for it. Please ask me for details. Please can you also send in a water bottle especially now the weather is becoming warmer. Bagels are also provided daily which is extremely popular.

School dinners: Your child is entitled to a free school dinner. There are now more choices on offer. Please have school dinners if possible. Your child may surprise you by eating something new!

Tapestry and Class Dojo: I am still using Tapestry for my classroom observations but I am now using Class Dojo for regular communication with yourself. I post on this most days so if you haven't managed to use please speak to me and I will help. I also send photographs for you to see what your child is doing in school. It is a great way of keeping in touch!

Best wishes,

Mrs L. Johnstone (EYFS Teacher)