



# Summer Term in Reception

Dear Parents,

The children have settled back into school after the Easter break and have all displayed an eagerness to learn. We are impressed with how much they have developed and are working towards making our final Profile assessments in June. We are looking forward to an exciting term, which will include our school trip to Bekonscot Model Village and Railway. Please find below information about the Summer term, as covered in the Reception Topic Meeting.

## **Let's Go Lego! (Summer Term 1)**

During this topic we will be using different Lego characters to create our very own Lego comics. We will also be using Lego to explore number bonds and printing patterns with it. The children will also have a chance to make their own Lego crayons and sequence instructions about the process. There will be many opportunities for construction and using it to support our learning, for example designing, measuring and sorting.

## **The Living Planet (Summer Term 2)**

In our final topic we will be exploring animals and their habitats. We will have opportunities to investigate the environment around us, develop an understanding of how to look after it. The children will be learning about dinosaurs and looking at how things change over time. In Maths the children will be introduced to doubling and halving and will use practical resources to solve problems. During this term we will also be thinking about ourselves and building it into positive thinking ready for our transition to Year 1.

## **Transitions**

This term all Reception children have started going to the playground twice a week for morning break. They are also going to two morning assemblies each week and one in the afternoon. As mentioned in the Topic Meeting, we will be doing some teaching in the Year 1 classrooms to get the children used to the environment they will be in September. We will continue to adapt our timetable throughout the summer term to ensure children are ready for their next school year.

## **Communication Books**

We will now keep the communication books in school on **Tuesdays** and they will be sent home at the **weekend** instead. After May half term the box will be in the classroom instead of at the gate and your child will be able to change their reading book independently and straight away.

## **PE**

Our PE days are now **Wednesday** and **Thursday** each week. Please ensure your child attends school in their PE kit on these days. Plimsolls must be kept in the cloakroom in your child's peg bag.

## **Library**

Our Library day will now be **Tuesday**. If your child would like to change their Library book, please ensure it is in their **named plastic wallet** before putting it into the box on a Tuesday morning.

## **Arrival / Collection**

We have now started more structured lessons in the mornings, often beginning at 9:00am. It is therefore important to ensure that you arrive promptly each morning so that children are ready to engage in activities. The classroom is open from 8:40am each morning and all children are expected to be in their room by 8:50am. Please ensure timings are also kept to at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Miss Vacher, Miss Hildreth and the Early Years Team*

*Questions asked in the meeting:*

- Will there be another parent's evening this term?  
There will not be another formal parent's evening this academic year, but you will get your child's end of year report in Summer Term 2. You can make an appointment with your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss the report.
- What are number bonds to 10?  
 $1+9=10$ ,  $2+8=10$ ,  $3+7=10$ ,  $4+6=10$ ,  $5+5=10$   
 $9+1=10$ ,  $8+2=10$ ,  $7+3=10$ ,  $6+4=10$
- When will you do speed reads?  
We will continue to do speed reads on a Friday morning so the children have had the week to practise. New speed reads will still be stuck in communication books on a Monday.
- Can they wear red shorts on PE days?  
Yes, as the weather is becoming warmer they can wear red shorts.