



# 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. Please find below information about the Summer term, as covered in the Reception Topic Meeting.

## **Who? What? Where? (Summer Term 1)**

We are currently being investigators and finding out information about a range of topics. The children are asking and answering questions about what they have read or stories they have heard. We are focusing on the wordless book 'Quest' and the children are thinking of ideas of what could be happening. They will learn how to share objects in to equal groups and solve problems. They are using a range of technology and building on their mouse skills. We will be celebrating Eid and Vesak Day.

## **Dream Big! (Summer Term 2)**

In our final topic we will be thinking about jobs and careers. The children will think about their aspirations and imagine what different jobs are like, for example, what it is like to be a zoo keeper. We will learn about people who help us and how different people in our community help us. The children will be exploring doubling and halving and they will record their answers. Near to the end of the summer term, we will begin to be involved in a range of transitions activities in preparation for Year One.

## **Transitions**

This term all Reception children have started going to the playground three times 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.

## **Reading books/communication books**

The children are now changing their reading books first thing in the mornings to prepare them for Year One. We will no longer bring the boxes to the gate in the mornings apart from Fridays when **all** communication books and reading books need to be returned.

## **PE**

Our PE days are now Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 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 continues to be a Monday. 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 Monday 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.

## **TES iBoard**

As mentioned in the Topic Meeting, we are currently having some problems accessing the iBoard activities. Please bear with us whilst we try to sort the problem out and we apologise for any inconvenience.

Other websites to consider:

- Mr Thorne <http://mrthorne.com>
- Top Marks <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
- Nrich <https://nrich.maths.org/>

Thank you for your continued support,

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

*Questions asked in the meeting:*

- Will PE be the same in Year One?  
- The children will continue to do Playball on Wednesdays and Dance will be on Thursdays.
- Will the parents receive their child's communication book at the end of the year?  
- We will be keeping their communication book as part of our evidence and to pass on to the Year One teachers to enable them to see what the children have done. We will provide you with some summer task ideas and we will include sounds and tricky words that the children have learn.
- Will the children interact with the opposite class when they are in Year One?  
-Yes, the children will be in mixed groups for Phonics and other focus activities.
- When will Reports be given?  
-You will receive an end of year report in Summer Term 2
- Can they wear red shorts on PE days?  
-Yes, as the weather is becoming warmer they can wear red shorts.