

Reception Class Summer Newsletter 2019



Dear Parent/Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to a great Summer term. This term our topic is '**Move It**' and we will be exploring how different things move.

We will soon be taking delivery of our class caterpillars. This is an interesting time for the children who watch them grow, form into a chrysalis and eventually emerge as butterflies which the children then release.

Personal, Social and Emotional: We will be exploring 'Relationships'. We will continue to develop social skills and the understanding that people have different needs and that everyone should be treated with respect.

Communication and Language: The children's language continues to develop and improve. We have a 'talk session' every morning and encourage the children to share any interesting news. We also model and reward good listening skills. For some children we will be carrying out Talk Boost sessions. These sessions are run over 10 weeks by Mrs Baker, one of our experienced Nursery Nurses. It helps the children to develop better communication, language and listening skills and extends their vocabulary.

Physical Development: This term we move onto 'Games'. The children will be developing their skills as individuals and with a partner using balls, bean bags, skipping ropes, hoops, quoits, rackets and balls. Much of this training will be in preparation for our annual sports day.

Mathematics: We will continue to work on developing awareness and recognition of numbers up to 20. Children will work through simple additions and subtraction and be encouraged to use developing mathematical ideas and methods to solve practical problems.

We will also be looking at shape, space and measure. Including measuring length, weight, capacity and time, sorting objects, exploring money as well as 2D and 3D shapes.

Literacy: We continue to work through the DFE Letters and Sounds Publication. Most of the children are now working at Phase 3 and 4. Many of the children are now beginning to read and write words and simple sentences independently. We will be continuing to develop reading and writing skills through a range of activities. Children will explore different genres including writing captions, lists, stories and pieces of information texts.

Handwriting takes place every day. The school follows the Nelson Handwriting System. Reading books will continue to be sent home on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. Please take time listening to your children read and comment in their Home Link Book.

Understanding the World: Gardening groups will continue to take place on Friday afternoons with our volunteer gardener Mrs Edyta. We have just planted cucumber and tomato seeds. If you have any seeds, bulbs or pots which you

would like to donate to the school we would be happy to use them. We plan to enter the Barnet Young Gardener Competition again this year at the end of the Summer Term.

Expressive, Art and Design: The children will continue to have access to a wide range of resources. They will also participate in Art Week which will enable them to look at a particular artist in greater depth. Music sessions will continue to take place weekly as well as the children having opportunities to explore dance and music independently.

Homework: Brain Builders are sent out fortnightly. Homework is designed to support learning which takes place in school. Please support your child to complete their Homework and encourage them to do some of the writing by themselves.

Parent-Share:

The 'Parent Share' system lets you receive reports (complete with photos) via email, showing you what your child has been learning and the new skills they are developing.

We think these reports will really brighten up your day! You can also send us your comments and feedback by simply replying to the emails. This will help our staff to support your child even more effectively in the classroom. We also value and celebrate what your children are doing outside of school so please continue to bring in photos, certificates, etc.

Just a few reminders:

1. We ask for a voluntary contribution termly (payable on Schoolmoney.com) which contributes towards the cost of ingredients for cookery sessions as well as allowing us to purchase sensory ingredients e.g. shaving foam and bubbles.
2. All the children need a PE kit in school. This consists of navy shorts, T shirt and Trainers. Please make sure all items are named.
3. Please provide a spare set of clothes in a named bag (jogging bottoms, pants, socks and a T shirt). Accidents happen, and although reminded to wear waterproofs they forget and get soaked when playing with the water tray. We only have a limited stock of spare clothes.
4. The summer school uniform is a red jumper or cardigan, white t-shirt, grey trousers, shorts, dress or skirt and black shoes. Girls may wear a red and white checked dress.
5. Please ensure your child has a named red sunhat. These can be purchased through Schoolmoney.com. Also, make sure you apply sunscreen before school so children can play outdoors safely.