

Reception Newsletter

April 2018

I hope that you all had a fantastic Easter break and are feeling refreshed and ready to hit the ground running!



Outdoor Area

In sunny, hot weather, please provide a sun hat/sunglasses for your child to wear in our outside area. Please apply sun cream to your child before school and if necessary, it can be brought to school for a second application (it cannot be applied by a member of staff).

WATER BOTTLES: Every child is allowed to bring a NAMED water bottle to school for drinks throughout the day. **Water only please.**



P.E Kit

PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday afternoon. On warm, dry days P.E. will be taught on the MUGA or on the school field. Therefore, please ensure your child has suitable trainers or plimsolls. We also have the opportunity to work with a PE coast every Monday afternoon working on balance, agility, speed, flexibility and control. We will be outside on the MUGA/field when possible.

Reading and Word Wallets

So many of you are working really hard at home to encourage your child to read. Practise makes perfect!



Please continue to try to spare 5/10 minutes to share your child's reading books with them at home and sign their homework diary. **Please try to keep books inside red book bags.** Books will continue to be changed on a Thursday.



Last term lots of children received Bookworms and exciting prizes. Remember to read at least 4 times a week to get a Bookworm certificate and a dip in the star reader box and earn time on the bouncy castle!



Topics

This term our topics are 'What is in the night sky?' and 'Long, long ago...'. Each topic will focus on a selection of stories, which will be read over the duration of a fortnight allowing the children to learn to confidently retell them using actions and story language. The children will become very familiar with each story and make unique story maps. They will then create their own characters and alternate endings. Each story will change roughly every fortnight or so depending on the interests of the children.

With our 'What is in the night sky?' topic we will be reading *How to Catch a Star*, *The Way Back Home*, *Whatever Next!*, *Aliens Love Underpants* and *Laura's Star*. We will also be learning about light and dark, astronauts and space travel, and our solar system.

After half term our topic will change to 'Long, long ago...'. Children will enjoy learning about castles and kingdoms, learning about Knights, Kings, Queens and Princesses. We will be reading lots of traditional fairy tales including *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Elves and the Shoe Maker* and *Hansel and Gretel*.

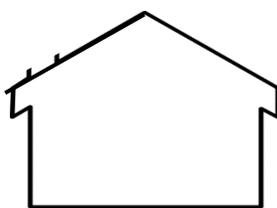
If you have any books or resources linked to these topics please encourage your child to learn and explore at home and share their work with their classmates.

Gold Write

All children have worked super hard and have already completed a Gold write with lots more to come this term. A gold write is a celebration of the weeks work e.g. stories, diary entries, instructions, recounts etc. Children have the opportunity to do a piece of extended writing and have a chance to share their ideas and work with their friends and teachers.

Gold write homework will be given the night before - this is 'talking' homework. The homework is a chance to discuss and share ideas with your child and can be done anywhere, anytime. Any amount of time can be spent on it, and if you wish, notes or pictures can be made on the sheet. Gold writes will not be carried out on any particular day, just when the children are ready.

Our building shed is as popular as ever however we are fully stocked! Thank you for all of your donations, if we start to run low I will send a Marvellous Me message.



Our new mud kitchen is a real success. We are in need of some natural objects such as; conkers, acorns, corks, wood chips, shells, pebbles or buttons. Thanks

If you ever have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at school. Feel free to pop in anytime before or after school.

If I need to give you any further information I will send an additional letter.

Thank you for your support.

Class Teacher : Miss Gales

Head Teacher: Mr Smith

Class Support : Miss Liddell and Miss Brace

Class Support (am): Miss Cottle