

# Reception Class Summer Newsletter 2017



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 subtractions 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.

**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.

**Just a few reminders:**

1. Our weekly visits to the park will continue this term. We can only carry out these sessions with your support due to having the correct adult-child ratio. If you would like to support, please let a member of the Reception Team know.
2. Cooking sessions will continue on a weekly basis. We do not take every child for these sessions every week. Instead, taking a group of children and allowing them to experience a quality cooking experience. They produce enough of what they have made for every child. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 which contributes towards the cost of ingredients as well as allowing us to purchase sensory ingredients e.g. shaving foam and bubbles.
3. 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.
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. As the summer is approaching, please ensure your child has a named red sunhat. These can be purchased from the school office. Also, make sure you apply sun cream before the children come to school as some of their day is spent outdoors.

**And Finally...**

Children do not just learn at school. If your child does something new, perhaps something that you feel should be celebrated, please let us know, note it down, bring it in, copy it or take a photo. This information can be added to your child's Special Book and will give us a greater understanding of their development.

