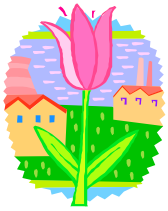
Reception Termly Newsletter

Summer Term 2012

Well here we are in the last term of school already. Thank you for all the help and support you have been giving the children throughout the year.
As the weather is so changeable at the moment please make sure the children still have a cardigan or jumper with them and a waterproof coat.
If the weather does get nice and warm please make sure that the children have a NAMED sun hat and water container in school every day. Please apply sun cream in the mornings and send your child in with a named bottle of sun cream for them to keep in their box that can be reapplied during the day.

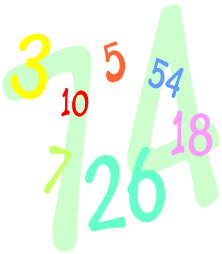


Communication, Language and Literacy

- Continue to practice correct formation of all letters.
- Learn to associate correct capital letters.
- Revising all sounds (phoneme's) learned so far. We will be focussing largely on blending sounds in words so that we can read them quickly and fluently and then going on to sounding out to spell words using all the sounds we know.
- Continue to find lists of rhyming words.
- Learn alphabetical order.
- Continue our home words and home reading books.
- We will be looking at stories and information books linked to our weekly themes.
- Writing instructions, recounts of things we have done and re-telling stories.

Mathematical Development

- Number recognition and correct writing of numbers
- Ability to count accurately 10/20 objects.
- Be able to recite number to 100.
- Able to count backwards from 20 or beyond.
- Find pattern in numbers e.g. even numbers counting in 2 's, counting in 5 's, 10 's and doubling
- Symmetry.
- Telling the time, o 'clock
- Days of the week.
- Working with money in real situations.
- Adding and subtracting
- Problem solving and making our own recordings of how we have grouped, added, counted or take away.



Knowledge and Understanding of The World

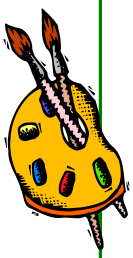
- Seeds, plants and growing
  We have planted lots of different vegetable seeds in our outdoor area and raised bed and are excited that they are already starting to grow. We will be watching their progress and will hopefully get to harvest and taste some of them before the end of term
- Changes: now & then, life-cycles
- Celebrating the school's 50th Anniversary, finding out about the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics

ICT

- Continue to use programmes to improve our mouse control.
- Using programmable toys
- Labelling, sorting and ordering for science.
- Creating a symmetrical picture.
- Using programmable toys

Art

- Painting, collage, printing,
- chalking, paper folding.
- 3D materials including modroc and clay
- Cutting and sticking.
- Using smaller equipment e.g. use of threading, scissors, pencils etc in
- continuing to help our fine motor control

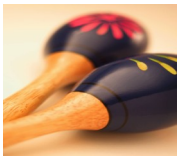


Our Achievements WOW BOOKS

Please, please keep sending in wow books to let us know of any achievements your child is making at home so that we have a full picture of them. It may be something they have participated in outside school such as dance, football, swim-ming or something you have seen them do for the first time at home. The children love sharing them with us and we love looking at them

Music

- We will continue singing well known songs and rhymes and learning some new ones too.
- A lot of the songs we learn are topic based.
- Listening and responding to music from other Cultures & Ages/times



Personal and Social Development

We will be playing games to help us take turns and treat each other fairly. We will continue to talk about the reasons why we have rules and be-have in a particular way. We will consider the consequences of our actions, for ourselves and for others. Our specific PSED topic this term is "changes" .

After half-term we will start thinking about getting ready for year 1 and we will have some transition activities aswell as induction day. We will send home more information about these events nearer the time

Design Technology

We will be making models using Lego, stickle bricks, duplo, wooden blocks and re-cycled materials linked to our topic or story themes.

PE

We may be doing lots of outdoor PE this term so please make sure your child has pumps in school

- Continue to focus on skills in PE e.g. throwing, catching, kicking, rolling and hitting a target
- Using our bodies to travel, balance, take weight on hands.
- Keeping healthy

Letters and Sounds
The children are all progressing really well with phonics and reading. Please send home-reading books back to school as often as you like but remember to write a comment or sign to show how well your child has read. Please keep practising all the sounds the children have on their key rings.