



Monday 16th April 2018

Dear Parents,

Reception Curriculum information for Summer term

We are very excited to embark on the next part of our learning journey and have lots of engaging opportunities planned over the next few weeks. Over this half term we are going to be developing our 'Text-based' topic around 'All creatures' great and small' which includes exploring humans and animals of all different types!

We will begin this exciting topic with a delivery of tiny caterpillars that we will watch grow into beautiful butterflies, and a walk to look at the animals in our local garden centre (Wednesday 18th April 2018). This will 'hook' us in to our first text, 'Great Pet Sale'. We will look at how we look after animals, their habitats and how they grow/ life-cycles. If any of you have pets at home it would be lovely if you could send a picture in or upload one to tapestry and your child can share how they look after their pets. (If anyone has pets they are willing to bring for a visit then please talk to one of us.)

As the topic develops we will look at how we have grown from babies, and what we need to grow. To support this we ask if you could upload a baby photo to Tapestry (before 30th April 2018) with comments from your child about the things that have changed, e.g what they eat, how their hair has changed, how many teeth they have in comparison to the photo. This will enable us to make the learning more personal to your child.

As part of this topic we would like to incorporate some personal history into the learning, and invite you to come to 'bring your grown up to school' session which is where the children can bring an adult (parent/ grandparent/ auntie/ uncle etc) on the Thursday 10th May, from 9am until 10am. We will be looking at how things have changed since the 'grown up' was a 5 year old at school... Did you have interactive whiteboards? Did you have toilets inside your house? Did you drive to school? It would be lovely if the grown up could bring a picture of them as a baby so we can see how they have changed. Children will be preparing questions to ask.

Literacy: The children are now becoming keen readers and writers, and are able to apply their phonics to reading books and writing short captions, sentences and even stories. They are making good progress on their phonics journey and are now carefully applying what they have learnt over the last couple of terms to their writing and are working within the different phases of phonics.

Practising reading and writing of their key words in the home journal, along with daily reading of the levelled book, is the main way in which you can support this at home. As the children become confident with their words, and are able to read and spell quickly and accurately, we will move them onto the next words. The children are now much more competent at using story language to re-tell and write about the stories that we are using in class.

Dates for your diary

Upload a baby photo to Tapestry before 30th April 2018

Thursday 10th May, from 9am until 10am- Bring your grown up to school

W/C 14th May - Topic week - Art focus for Reception class.

PE - Monday (Gymnastics) and Thursday (Cricket)	Library -Friday	Baking- Various
Spelling words - Book change day		Number Zumba check- Tuesday

*Mystery Reader- 2.45pm- various dates available if you wish to sign up! *

**Baking- Thank you to all of you who have volunteered so far - please let us know if you are available to come and help!!

We have begun organising our next trip; more details will be shared with you over the next few days. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please pop in and speak to a member of the Reception class team.

Many thanks

Mrs Ruddock and Mrs Moore