

Early Years Newsletter Summer 2018



Dear Parents,

We are now nearing the end of the year and are gathering together evidence for each child towards their Early Learning Goals. If you have any anecdotes or notes about how your child has been using their learning at home please let me know. Please continue to practise reading and writing during the holidays so the skills they have built up are not lost. We will start the new half term with work on a new topic, All Creatures Great and Small. We will begin by learning all about mini-beasts and look forward to a visit by Zoolab in the first week. We will continue to look at different animal groups and comparing them to mini-beasts, hatching our own butterflies and learning about animals in different habitats.

What else will we be doing?

We will, of course, continue to develop the children's literacy and numeracy skills. We always start the day promptly with our carousel of reading, writing and number activities that will help them with vital skills that they will need as they move towards Year 1. We will be supporting the children's transition to year 1 by having story time with their new teacher on some days.

Please continue to support your children with their reading at home. We know that this can sometimes be a struggle but it really does benefit the children. Each year we notice that children who have lots of support with their reading at home are more confident and able to attempt reading more complex texts when they move into Year 1. Please also make sure that you comment on how they have read in their Reading Diary and note when you have practised the red words.

Don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions.

Huff and Puff

We were very excited to be part of the Huff and Puff programme this term and the children have obviously worked hard to practise their skills. We are looking forward to our session at the Arena (3rd July) to show off what we have been doing (details to follow).

Reports

You will receive your child's end of year report, which is in a different format to the Stars and Wishes sheets we have provided over the year, together with information on the way you child learns in school.

There will be an opportunity for you to come and share your child's learning journey in a few weeks and see their progress over the year.

Contacting us

If you have any general concerns that you would like to address then please ask to see us outside school hours, either before or after. You can also arrange this by contacting the school office on 01243 822056.

Thank you all for your support this year, this really has been a lovely class to work with. They have come together amazingly well as a friendly and fun group of children who work and play hard, making good friendships and supporting one another. We will miss them after the Summer, but know that they will continue to do well as they move through the school. We look forward to the next few weeks when hopefully the weather will be good and we can continue to do lots of our learning in the garden. Please ensure your child has a sunhat for playtimes and suitable PE shoes for our outside sessions and sports day.

Many Thanks
Mrs Reynolds and
The Early Years Team.