

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th April

Grandparents Stay and Play 1:30-2:30pm (*children may go home after this*)

Tuesday 7th May

Life Education Centre Visiting TRPS (*children only*)

Thursday 16th May

Reception Litter Pick (*children only*)

Tuesday 21st May

Achievement Book Share 8:30-9:00am (*Parents Welcome. Come along and see your child's work and share their achievements.*)

WC: 3rd June

Healthy Eating Week

Saturday 8th June

Brackley Carnival

Tuesday 11th June

Class Photos

Wednesday 12th June

Trip to Pizza Express

Thursday 27th June

Sports Day 1:30pm (*Parents welcome*)

Friday 29th June

Pirate Day!

Wednesday 3rd July

Year 1 Induction Meeting 6pm (*Parents only*)

Monday 8th July

Year 1 Induction – Play in the Park 3:30pm
(*Parents and children*)

Tuesday 16th July

Reception Farewell Stay and Play 2-3pm (*Parents welcome*)



Reception Newsletter

Summer 2019

Dear Parents,

How quickly time has gone! We are now in our final term in Reception! I am sure it will be a wonderful one!

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the amazing achievements and experiences that we shared with the class last half term. Our highlights were:

- Superhero Day! The children were incredibly engaged in this topic and the work they produced whilst in character was amazing!
- Ducklings - I am sure you were all as fond of the ducklings as we were. This learning experience was a huge success, we all enjoyed thinking about and learning how to look after the ducklings.
- Artwork - We thought about a variety of artists and learnt how to use watercolours to create more detailed paintings. I hope you have taken the opportunity to view our Georgia O'Keeffe display.
- Space Dome! The visit from the Wonderdome was a truly magical experience, the children have all learnt so many interesting space facts which I am sure they are all enjoying sharing with you!

We look forward to another exciting and successful term, as always, please feel free to share ideas and experiences with us.

With thanks,

Miss Abbotts

Parent Partnership: please find below the key ways to share information with us.

- **Tapestry:** Please continue to use this to share photos and observations of your child's learning.
- **Drop off/Collection:** We are always available to talk to and collection and drop off can be a perfect time for this. Please let a member of the team know if you would like to share any key information with us.
- **Class Dojo:** Please note the Dojo Messaging system will no longer be monitored by staff. Concerns are best discussed in person or emailed to the school enquiries address.

Snack money Cash or cheque, please place in a named envelope. You may pay for this combined if you wish.

Summer 1- £5

Summer 2- £7

Preparing for Year 1

You will start to notice gradual changes happening in the Reception environment which will help to prepare the children for their next stage of schooling. We have already introduced a new morning routine – we are so impressed with all the children who now manage the entry process independently. This will be essential for next year so please ensure that you encourage this now. We have also increased the length of time the children take part in whole class activities and their free choice learning is now more structured. The children have all taken to this very well.

We will continue to work on preparing the children for next year and more formal transition activities will happen in the later summer months. The children will all spend time in the classroom, get to know the staff and take part in some Year 1 based lessons. As a school we will be running a transition topic, which involves the children continuing the same theme at the end of Reception and beginning of Year 1, using the same resources and structure. This allows them to settle quickly as the routine and resources remain the same.

Physical Development

Mrs Keites has been very impressed with the children's progression and increased coordination in PE. She will now be working with them on some basic racket skills, as well as, preparing them for Sports Day events.

The children will continue to take part in more formal handwriting sessions. By the end of the year we hope that they will all be able to correctly form the letters of the alphabet and their numbers.

Literacy

The children have worked hard to develop their story writing skills, and we will continue to work on this. The children will be given an imaginative picture and asked to tell a story based on this. They will then attempt to break this down into simple sentences for writing.

Writing checklists have been introduced and when the children are sentence writing we are now encouraging them to ensure that they have full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.

The children will write for a range of purposes including, letters, instructions and recounts. They will also add their work to both our fiction and non-fiction class books.

The children are being encouraged to talk about what they have read during group reading sessions, this will involve how the characters are feeling, what the key events were and even creating their own book reviews! Please remember the importance of reading to your child at home on a daily basis.

What will we learn?

Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to talk through their thinking when they are learning new skills and will be able to use the iPads to video narrate their own learning and thinking.

The children will be given the chance to perform on stage in our Talent show! Where they will think up their own acts and talents to share with their friends - we will, of course, video this for you to enjoy!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Independence will be key as we prepare the children for Year 1. We will be trying to encourage them to 'have a go' at their work independently before seeking adult support.

We will continue our work on feelings and emotions, talking about transitions and how we might feel when we return to school after the summer.



Understanding the World

Past and present is the theme as we return from the holidays and the children will be thinking about old and new, and how things have changed. This will involve linking up with a local retirement home and writing the residents letters, as well as, inviting Grandparents into school for our Grandparent's day!

We will be thinking all about the world around us and taking part in weekly topics such as: Minibeasts, Growing and Life Cycles. We will look in detail at changes and when they occur. We will also talk about how to take care of our environment during our Eco week. The children will also experience first-hand experiments during our Science week. Where we will make predictions and test our ideas.

Maths

The children have done a great job of mastering addition. We will now be moving on to subtraction. They will learn how to take away using objects to support. We will also be recording this. The children will also be revisiting their number bonds to 10.

We will be thinking about doubling, sharing and halving and using language to reason mathematically.

Expressive Arts and Design

Mrs Beale will continue our singing lessons - we hope that you all enjoyed our performance in the Easter service! Mrs Diedheiou will be working with us during Music and we will be exploring a variety of instruments.

The children will continue to look at the work of different artists and will spend time exploring the Van Gogh painting 'Sunflowers'.

We will also be introducing woodwork to the timetable and the children will have a chance to design and create their own model.