



Year R Newsletter Term 6

June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers, welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing break enjoying the glorious weather. We are really looking forward to an exciting and very busy term ahead of us.

Our term six topic 'Farming, Food and Animals' has generated great excitement and we are really keen to learn lots of new things related to this. We have linked our theme with wonderful picture books such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle, 'The Little Red Hen' and 'The Gingerbread Man' and will read many other fabulous picture books. Our role-play areas are Old Macdonald's Farm, and Tesco's (café included). Our mud kitchen will become a farmers' market stall so if you have anything you would like to send in linked to these themes –we would greatly appreciate it. We will be trying our hand at making pizza and potato printing as well as creating delicious dishes in our mud kitchen! Any old fruit and vegetables for the children to cut up and play with would be fantastic.

We are planning to visit 'Ashford Rare Breeds Centre' 28th June. We will be leaving school at 8.45 am and returning at approximately 3.15pm. Adults will be required to pay also. If you would like to volunteer, then please let me know as soon as possible as I have limited places. Only parents that have arranged to attend will be able to come with us, so please avoid disappointment by securing your place early. I will send out further details nearer the time with costs and additional information. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take parents with younger siblings.

Our curriculum focus this term in phonics is: Phase 4 (4-6 weeks) moving onto Phase 5 Letters and Sounds, ensuring we are keeping pace with children's literacy levels. Phase 4 focuses on reading and writing words containing two adjacent consonants. It is essential you listen to your child read daily for 10-15 minutes to build fluency and talk to your child afterwards about what they have read to develop early comprehension skills. Please remember to sign the reading record and read the book twice to help build fluency and reading speed. Encourage your child to use 'their pointy finger' under text to keep track of where they are and reread the whole sentence once decoded.

Our Little Big Maths Learn Its are: My halving to 20 (my first number sentences) $10 \div 5 = 5$; $8 \div 4 = 2$ and my doubling number sentences $5 + 5 = 10$; $2 + 2 = 4$ etc. Please encourage your child to learn these so that they can use instant recall. We would also like your child to practise reading and writing numbers one, two, three, four etc to twenty and beyond as well as continuing to develop their counting skills.

We have replanted the garden area; if you can offer a few minutes each week to help keep it weeded and watered then please come in and volunteer. The children love gardening and enjoy watching the fruit, vegetables and flowers grow and helping adults. We would also appreciate any bags of unwanted compost or clean soil to help top up beds and keep the mud kitchen area stocked.

Please ensure your child comes into school every day with a shower proof coat; water bottle, sun hat and is wearing sun lotion as even on cloudy days, they are at risk of getting burnt. We will help your child put on sun cream but cannot apply it directly

to their skin. Please make sure you do this at home so that your child can top up during the day themselves.

We are practising for Sports Day and the Summer Cup so it is essential that ALL children have a suitable PE kit. Please support your child so that they are able to take part and represent their house by wearing the correct house colour tee shirt.

Thank you

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