



## Reception Half Termly Newsletter April 2024

### **Literacy**

As we continue our writing journey we will encourage the children are now using the phonics we have taught to write words and longer sentences...throughout this half term we are building up to paragraphs. We discourage the children from copying or tracing letters, and encourage the formation of letters independently. If you're not sure how to encourage your child at home, please get in touch.

Our texts this half term are linked to life cycles and we will welcome some special additions in our classrooms too!

Please spend time each day reading story books; and you could also make up your own! Reading books continue to match the phonics we are teaching, 5 minutes each day will make such a difference.

### **Mathematics**

In maths we are working our way through the White Rose maths sessions and will be focussing on 'to 20 and beyond', adding and subtracting. Keep an eye out on Seesaw for ideas of activities to carry out at home.

### **Phonics**

We continue to teach phase 2, 3 and 4. Your child's phase will be shared in reading records this week along with activities to practise at home. The children who practise at home have increased confidence in applying the graphemes we have taught independently – thank you to those parents who support us!

### **Computing**

The children are learning how to use our new Chromebooks. iPads are available daily during continuous provision and the interactive boards are available at selected times too.

### **Physical Activity**

Reception continue to have a dance session in the hall every Tuesday morning with Laura, our dance teacher. Our skills also develop every Wednesday with Mr Smith, our sports coach. Please send PE kits into school.

### **Notices:**

- Read your child's reading book at home for at least 5 minutes every day.
- Please check your child's book bag for letters
- Snack money for the half term is £6

### **Dates for your diary:**

- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – inflatables reward for the yellow and green teams**
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Eid celebration. Children can wear traditional/party clothes**
- **Week beginning May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a teddy bears picnic on the school field-more information to be sent out**



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