



## Reception Newsletter - Summer Term 1st half 2024

Dear Families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and your child will find useful.

In our year group this term we will have the following adults;

**Buttercup** – Mr Umney and Miss Parker

**Honeysuckle** – Mrs Dempsey, Miss Rashid, Mrs Manoloche and Mrs Mitchell.

**Daffodil** – Miss Brown, Miss Darby and Miss Thomas.

**Bluebell** – Miss Beaney, Mrs Stanley and Mrs Hockley.

Working within Reception we also have Ms Nichols (Lead TA), Miss Clark (Cover supervisor), Mr Powell (PE) and Mrs Charlton (Music and SALT).

Buttercup and Honeysuckle have PE on Friday mornings.

Bluebell and Daffodil have PE on Tuesday mornings.

### Things to remember

The children will need to;

- Have their hair tied up (with no excessive accessories)
- **Water Bottles** - Please ensure your child has their **own** named water bottle (**containing only water**) with them every day to ensure that appropriate hygiene is maintained. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being. Children who have a packed lunch must also have a separate drink or water bottle for lunch.
- Have spare pants, tights, socks, trousers, skirt and polo shirt and a carrier bag (this will be kept in school)
- Have a warm and waterproof coat that is named. As the weather may still be cold, please also send in hats, scarves and gloves.
- Book bag/ **small** rucksack

### What have we done so far?

During second half of the spring half term, the children have enjoyed learning lots about 'The wild west' as well as continuing to challenge and push themselves in their reading, writing and maths. In English, we have read lots of books about Cowboys and been finding out lots about Native American, how the Cowboys lived and what it was like to live in the wild west. The children have especially enjoyed the stories 'The Brave Cowboy' and 'Totem tale'. The children have been working on building their own sentences and writing them down whilst remembering to include capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We have also challenged the children to consider including adjectives and conjunctions such as and.

In Maths, the children have continued to work on counting, addition and subtraction, number bonds and subitising. We have also started to learning how to count in 2's. The children have worked so hard on their counting, number recognition and understanding of number.



We are extremely proud of everything the children have achieved this half term and how independent they have grown in choosing their own learning and being able to explain what they are doing and why they have chosen it.

### What's next?

Our topic this half term is 'Dinosaurs' and we will be doing lots of activities to help us learn about herbivores, carnivores and what the world was like when dinosaurs roamed the land!

We will be continuing our Maths and English lessons, with a Dinosaur focus, and in our topic lessons we can learn even more about 'Dinosaurs' (although some of our children may be teaching us a thing or two!)

In Maths lessons, we will be continuing to develop our understanding of number bonds to 10 as well as doubling and sharing skills. In English, we will be learning about writing sentences and challenging the children to write stories and include conjunctions and adjectives. The children will also be learning to re-read their sentences to ensure they make sense and nothing is missing.

We will continue RWI to support the children in learning their sounds and learning to blend as well as fluently reading sentences and story books. We have a handwriting and spelling focus as part of this to support the children to improve their segmenting and spelling.

Our school value this half term is 'Honesty'.

**Please note: The school value for Early Years (Reception and Preschool) is planned directly in to our curriculum and so may differ from the rest of the school.**

Don't forget to have a look at our parental involvement sheet which can be found on the Reception page of our website. It has lots of fun activities you can do together at home! Remember to put these and anything else you do at home on Tapestry so that we can see what you have been up to.

Please ensure that you keep good communication with your child's class teacher by calling the office or emailing and if there are any worries or concerns please let us know. We are here to help!

We can't wait to continue our journey with your children.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Beaney, Miss Brown, Mrs Dempsey and Mr Umney

Class teachers