

Friday 12th April

Nursery and Reception Summer Newsletter

We are so happy to welcome you all back after our Easter holiday and hope that you all had a well deserved rest. It has been lovely to see the children back in school and hear all about their break. The children have settled in really well and we thank you all for your patience as we get them settled into their new routines.

Spring Highlights

During spring term, we focused on Human Growth and Minibeasts. The children have transitioned well onto the Key Stage 1 playground for lunchtime play and have shown great teamwork and resilience while using our new outdoor equipment. It has been wonderful for the different year groups to play with each other, build new friendships and for some pupils to see their siblings.

We celebrated World Book Day. The children's costumes were amazing and they loved sharing these and some of their favourite stories. During the day, Reception went on their first school trip, walking to Acomb Explore library with some fabulous parent helpers. The children were incredible and ensured that they were ready, respectful and safe during this visit. We finished the term with a performance. Once again, we were so proud of the amazing singing and growing confidence of the children.

We had some brilliant sessions with Sally Sutton at our Family Learning groups on Tuesdays in The Hub. Sally will continue to host a range of craft activities in the mornings and run some adult learning sessions in the afternoons. We look forward to seeing more of you for Discover and Grow which will help you support your child with maths at home. If you would like to get in touch with Sally you can contact her on 07851 258987 or email at sally.sutton@york.gov.uk

Uniform Reminders

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to look smart and wear the correct school uniform. Children are allowed one small stud in each ear only. Long hair should be tied back and hair accessories must be small and sit close to the head. Nail varnish should not be worn. Footwear should be plain black school shoes or plain black trainers. More information about uniforms can be found on the school website.

Tapestry

Thank you to everyone who uses Tapestry, the learning from each week is posted there. The children also love to share their news from home, so if you would like to put any observations on we would be really grateful. If you need any help accessing Tapestry, please speak to a member of the team and we will be happy to help.

Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.



Summer Topics

This half-term, we are starting a new topic, Travel. Our big questions will be: How have you travelled before? How would you like to travel and where would you like to go? Knowledge Organisers and word mats can be found on Tapestry and the school website. We would love the children to be able to name methods of transport they have used and those they would like to try. The children will share any times they have travelled and where they went to; they will be supported to think about the wider world and places that they would like to visit in the future.

In the final half term, we will be reflecting on the things we have enjoyed in school so far. Ending the year thinking about the future, the changes to come next year in school, as well as thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up. We will continue to use the phonics we have learnt so far to read and write and we will be further deepening the understanding of numbers to 10 in maths, further activities to support at home can be found on Tapestry each week.

PE

PE will be on Mondays, with Mr Rose. The children will be playing games to support teamwork and cooperation. Please send children in their PE kits of white t-shirts and black tracksuit bottoms/shorts on Mondays. We will continue to do some Forest School learning outdoors, the children will be borrowing waterproof trousers and wellies, but if they would prefer to bring their own in, please send these into school named and in a bag. As we will have a focus on outdoor learning, we thought it would be a great opportunity to update our outdoor area and would love it if you can come in to help us refresh the area. We will be sending out more information this week.

Reading at Home

The reception children loved their visit to the library and we hope you have been able to visit and borrow from the wide range of resources from Acomb explore. We encourage reading at home. All children bring home a "Help to Read at Home" book, which is closely matched to their Guided Reading book in school. Login details for Collins e-books have been shared, here your child can read you a book that they have read during Guided Reading in school. If you don't have a login, please speak to your child's teacher. We also offer the children the opportunity to bring "Love to Share" books home. These are reading for pleasure books, designed to be shared with an adult or sibling at home.

Staffing

Our Early Years Foundation Stage now consists of 1 nursery class staffed by Miss Illingworth and Miss McIntosh, and 3 reception classes.



Mrs Bootland Miss Illingworth Miss McIntosh Miss Martin Mrs Turley Miss Hill Miss Walker

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bootland, Early Years Foundation Stage Leader