

Reception

Our final half term!

The theme for this half term is mainly the **Farm** and some work on **Mini beasts**. We will obviously experience a working farm when we go on our trip next week which the children are so excited about. The children will make their own fact books about a farm animal of their choosing, they will look at the parent animals and their offspring, discuss the jobs of a farmer and think more about what farm animals provide for us. We will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books about farm animals to gain further understanding. It is always interesting to look at mini beasts this time of year too and we will watch caterpillars grow into butterflies. Also we will observe the bugs in our outdoor area and use books and the internet to learn more about them. We are hoping to build a bug house outside too. Reception class assembly will be this half term (the pressure is on!). Your child will be given words to practise next week so please do this regularly insisting on a big, clear voice. Hope you can join us!

In Mathematics we will continue to focus on the children's targets and the number non-negotiables. The children really enjoy using the 100 square and we will use this regularly for counting on and counting back, also to look at number patterns. We will use our theme to set number challenges for the children. Maths games will continue until the last few weeks of term. Physical Development continues every Wednesday morning; the focus is athletics in preparation for our sports day events. I will inform you each week if the children need trainers (velcroed please). Also please ensure your child has shorts and t-shirt every week.

On a Monday the children will continue to bring home a piece of handwriting/phonics homework; this needs to be returned on the Thursday of the same week please. We really need to focus on correct letter formation, phonics and sentence structure – capital letters, spaces and full stops. The children need to start putting all of these elements into their writing. Could you also encourage correct spelling of common high frequency and tricky words (all of these are in the back of their blue Pathway books). Please ensure homework is handed in on time.

This is an extremely busy half term but a very important one too.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this year in Reception class; it seems to fly over! Thank you for all your continued support, I really do appreciate it. I hope your children have enjoyed it too.

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