

## Reception

Our final half term!

The theme for this half term is **Mini Beasts**. The children will make their own fact books about a bug of their choosing. We will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books to gain further understanding. It is always interesting to look at mini beasts this time of year and we will watch caterpillars grow into butterflies. Also we will observe the bugs in our outdoor area and the internet to learn more about them. We are hoping to build a bug house 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! We will be going on two trips too- Kirkley Hall and the Great Exhibition of the North which is very exciting.

In Mathematics we will continue to focus on the children's targets and the number non-negotiables. The children really enjoy 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 and team games in preparation for our sports day events. I will inform you if the children need trainers (Velcroed please). Also please ensure your child has shorts and t-shirt every week.

The children will continue to bring home a piece of handwriting/phonics homework; to be returned on a Monday with their maths game. 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). Other words should be phonetically plausible using the sounds they have learnt. Please ensure homework is handed in on time. This is an extremely busy half term but a very important one too.

What a fabulous year we have had, a wonderful group of children. Thank you for all your continued support, I really do appreciate it. I hope your children have enjoyed it too.

Mrs C A Parker Mrs J Aydeniz Mrs J Fryer Mrs A McNab Mrs C Foster  
Mrs V Harris