



SUMMER TERM 2 FOUNDATION STAGE NEWSLETTER

Welcome back all, we hope that you had a lovely break.

Our Topic

This half term in **Reception** our topic is going to be based upon the them of 'Under the Sea', we will be reading the stories 'Alba the 100 year old fish' and 'A New Home for a Pirate' as well as many other stories about sea creatures, the beach, summer and pirates. Children will also be learning about Greta Thunberg.



In **Nursery** our topic will also be Under the Sea, with pirates, summer and the beach incorporated into our play provision. The children will be accessing a variety of provision linked to these topics, reading high quality texts and singing songs and rhymes too. **Nursery** will also be visiting Lotherton Hall.

During this term we will be preparing to ease transition between Nursery and Reception and Reception and Year 1. There will be a transition day this term too.

Mathematics

In Maths lessons, Reception are going to be learning about grouping and sharing objects. They are going to consolidate learning on odd and even numbers as well as number bonds to 5. We are also going to be making maps and exploring patterns.

In Nursery, we will be consolidating our maths learning, we will be doing some enriching and engaging activities and enhancing areas to support the maths learning. We will be spending some time learning how to describe a sequence of events, real or fictional, using words such as 'first', 'then...'

Art

In art children will be studying the artist Yayoi Kusama. They



will be talking about feelings and answering the big question 'Can we paint our feelings?' Children will be experimenting with colour and different ways of making marks.

In Nursery we will be talking about how a piece of artwork changes our mood, expressing our emotions and developing mark making skills. We will be creating pieces of artwork linked to the artist to then showcase as a final piece.

RE

In RE, Reception will be answering the question 'What makes a good helper and who helps us?' We will be looking at 'special people' in the Christian and Muslim faiths and how they set an example for Christians and Muslims to be 'good helpers'. We will link these examples to our own lives, and consider how they encourage us to be helpful to others.

In Nursery we will be looking at 'God's Creation', thinking about 'What is beautiful about the natural world?' The children will be searching for a range of natural objects and exploring the natural world around them, talking about the features they like. The children will be talking about the places they have visited and exciting things they have seen. We aim to create art work in the outside area using natural resources.

Reading

Reception children have been making huge progress in their reading. Please continue to read with your child at home, practicing tricky words and digraph cards as we would like all the children to keep up this fantastic progress. Books must be returned to school on a **Wednesday** and new books will be sent home on a Friday. An increasing number of books are being returned damaged and

unfortunately there will be a fine for each damaged book.

Clothing

Please could we kindly remind you to ensure your child has suitable clothing for rain as well as sun as we all know the weather can be very unpredictable. Please send your child with a sun hat if it is expected to be sunny.

Sun Cream

Nursery parents - Please send your child to school with sun cream already applied and if your child is here all day we will happily help them reapply at midday with their own labelled sun cream. If your child comes to Nursery without sun cream on, this is the parent/carers responsibility. Thank you for your support.



Reception parents - Please apply sun cream on your child before they come to school in the morning (preferably all-day sun cream) and if you feel they will need to reapply it during day, your child can apply their cream independently with the supervision of an adult. Please send your child with their cream, clearly named, in their book bag if they will require it.

Water Bottles

As the weather is getting warmer, please make sure that your child brings a named water bottle to school, we are happy to refill these during the day. We would like to remind you that flavored water and squash are not allowed in water bottles.

Christian Values

During Collective Worship and class reflection time, we will be thinking about the Christian values of Respect and Trust. Please support us in promoting these values with your child at home.



Dates for your Diary

NURSERY:

Nursery visit to Lotherton Hall - Wednesday 15th June

Nursery Sports Day - Wednesday 29th June

RECEPTION:

Reception Parent Assembly - Wednesday 29th June

Reception Sports Day - Thursday 30th June

Reception Visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park - Monday 11th July

School Closes - Friday 22nd July

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and we hope you are too!

Miss Scott, Miss Carter, Miss O'Malley, Mrs Burns and the Foundation Stage Team 😊