

# Reception Summer Term

The final term is here and we cannot believe how quickly it has gone! Nevertheless we have plenty of time to enjoy and share with your all and what an exciting term it is.

## What to Expect this term.

Summer term has always been a personal favourite as you spend time reflecting on what a precious and wonderful journey each child has made since joining us in September. Watching the children's unique characters blossom in their own special ways as they grow not only in size but also in confidence and independence undoubtedly fills us all with so much pride. Throughout the Summer Term, as with all other terms, prioritising your child's wellbeing continues to lead the way in our practise. Children will be encouraged to share personal experiences and interests with us to inform future planning and learning. In phonics, children will explore phase 4 which consolidates key sounds taught across phase 2 and 3 as well as developing secure fundamental segmenting and blending skills. In mathematics, children learn to apply their key mathematical skills in counting with confidence in a variety of contexts as well as exploring space, shape and measure. Other areas of learning including, changes in the world around us through seasons, exploring different cultures and places in the world and many other exciting topics.



## Forest School

Forest School will happen every **Thursday afternoon**. Please send your child to school in their uniform with a change of clothes alongside a waterproof jacket, trousers and wellies. Please be mindful that children are very likely to get messy and therefore old clothes are recommended. Forest School will start on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**.

## PE

PE lessons will happen every **Tuesday morning**. PE kits will be kept at school during term time and sent home per half term to be washed. Children will get dressed at school. PE lessons will start on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**



## Communication

As always, catching myself or another member of staff at the class door in the morning or afternoon is still accessible for you throughout the Summer term so please never hesitate to touch base. Alongside this, I will try my best to give plenty of notice with any upcoming school events which specifically involve Reception Class through email – as a school there is also a weekly newsletter and use of the app. Alternatively, please do drop an email to admin or give us a call if there is something you'd wish to discuss further.

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## Reading

Reading books will continue being sent home daily. Children will be given two books; one book should be decodable by the child independently whilst the other book will include some sounds/words pitched a little higher in order for adults to model and support children with. Reading books will generally be changed once a week. Additionally access to bugclub with games are available as consolidation of all taught sounds. Handwriting sheets/Phonic games will be sent home as appropriate for your child from week to week. A focus on 'cheeky monkey words' will be prominent during Summer Term.

Please get in touch if you would like any further support with this.



## Your Child's Progress

Communication between home and school life makes a tremendous difference so we do encourage as lots of feedback and questions shared with us to ensure your child is accessing their education in the best possible way.

Any concerns we may have over your child's development will be shared with you efficiently and we encourage you to share with us any concerns you may also have along the way. Additional resources might be sent home with your child to encourage further support with certain areas of learning as and where appropriate.

Reports will be sent home **DATE NEEDED** and further information on this will be sent closer to the time.

Maths Weekly challenges will be sent home to use as inspiration for some activities you may wish to incorporate into home life.

## Helpers

If anyone has any spare time and would like to join us in school to support with readers or help us with gardening/cooking/art projects please do get in touch. This can include grandparents.

## Word of Safety

Please note that should you need someone else to pick up your child you **MUST** let us or office know as soon as possible.

## Food and Drink Arrangements.

- Please send children in with a **labelled water bottle** which will freely be accessible to children throughout the day.

- **Milk and Snack** (Fruit or Veg) is provided for the children every day. Children under the age of 5 are entitled to free milk however once a child reaches 5, milk can still be provided but you will need to register your child at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). Additional fruit/veg snacks can be put in lunchboxes if you know your child has particular preferences.

- Children are entitled to free school **lunches** which include hot dinners or a school packed lunch. If you have any issues accessing and booking these lunches please speak to admin. Please ensure you book these in due course. If your child is having home packed lunch, this does need to be reported through the app still.

- If your child hasn't had breakfast please do let us know - we understand that sometimes children (like adults) do not fancy breakfast early in the morning- we are happy to arrange some 'breakfast snacks'.

**Please keep us updated on any dietary requirements and/or allergies.**