

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Summer Term, half-term 2

We can't believe that it is our last half-term already. The children have worked so hard during their Reception year and are continuing to impress us with their eagerness to learn. At this time of year, it is always remarkable to stop and think about just how far they have come. We are very proud of them. We have plenty of exciting activities still to come! We will delve into the land of traditional stories, focusing particularly on Little Red Riding Hood. We will also be busy preparing the children for their move to Year 1.



Week 1

The topic launch of 'Little Red Riding Hood' begins with a staff video and making sure we are all familiar with the story. We will introduce the artist Gustav Klimt, and begin to look at his work: The Tree of Life. In maths, we will explore number bonds to ten. We will also be celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee!



Week 2

This week we will continue to focus on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We will investigate the shapes in Klimt's artwork. We will also find out about the digestive system and where our food goes after we've eaten it! In maths, we will focus on teen numbers again and also find out about odd and even numbers. We will think about the different parts of our bodies and improve our vocabularies. We also hope to bring in our bikes or scooters this week if we would like to.

Week 3

This week we will be investigating wolves and how they live. We will use question words such as *how*, *why* and *what* to find out information about real wolves. We will also read a story about a different Little Red Riding Hood who is very brave and shows the wolf who is boss! In maths, we will be looking at addition. We will use natural materials to create our own artwork.



Week 4

This week we will be thinking about mini-beasts and bees. We will see Mrs Stephenson's 'waggly bee dance' and try to make up some of our own. We will also have a visit from a guinea pig and create our own fact-files about how to care for a guinea pig. In maths, we will focus on subtraction.



Week 5

This week, we will be looking at maps and creating our own. We will use the Beebots and direct them from Little Red Riding Hood's House to Grandma's house. We hope to go for a walk in the local area and post some letters home. If you would like to help us on our walk, please do let a member of staff know.

Week 6

This week, we will look at other stories that have wolves in them. We will be thinking about moving up to Year 1 – what we are looking forward to and what we are nervous about. We will write letters to our new teacher. We will have our very first sports day and use lots of the skills that we have been practising in PE this half-term!

Weeks 7 and 8

These will be our last few days of the school year. It is both sad that it is coming to an end but also exciting as we look forward to our Year 1 journey. We will look at mixed up fairy-tales and make up our own. We also hope to have a paddling pool treat!

Reading

Please continue to do your fantastic reading at home. We continue to use the Reading Dogs to help us with our reading skills. Retrieval Rex reminds us to look for information in the text. Suzie Summarise want us to talk about what we have read and 'sum' it up. Vocabulary Vince helps us to spot new words and extend our vocabulary.

When you share stories, ask your children questions. E.g. How did you know Kipper was feeling sad? Why do you think Chip held on tight to the kite strings? Do you know what this word means? How did you know that...?



Maths

We will be consolidating our maths work in this last half term. We will be making sure that we know our teen numbers really well and doing lots of problem solving. We will consolidate our number facts to five and subitising skills, and learn some number bonds to ten. We will also continue our work on measures in our creative play.



Diary Dates

- Wednesday 8th June – we will celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee as a school. Your child is welcome to wear red, white and blue if they would like to.
- We hope to have White Post Farm come to visit us with some animals. Further information will be released soon.
- We would like to take the children on walks into the local environment to post letters home and make maps during the week beginning 4th July. If you would like to help, please let a member of the Reception team know.
- Tuesday 12th July – we are hoping to have a whole school potted sports event. Details to be confirmed.

This half term the Jigsaw topic is 'Changing Me' which will aid your child's transition in to Year 1 and also help them to understand how they change as they grow.

ICT

This half term we will be using the Beebots to learn how to utilise and control the technology, navigating and programming the Beebots to do what is required.



Don't forget...

- Tell us about your child's 'Wow!' moments. We really want to hear about them! Have they learned to ride a bike? Made progress with swimming? Spotted numbers on the way home? Written something all by themselves? Read a sign whilst out shopping with you? Celebrated a special occasion? We want to hear about their 'Wow!' moments so please share them with us! Email their special moments to reception@dovecote.school so your child can celebrate them with their friends. The children have all enjoyed 'Something to Share' when it is their turn.

