

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term. This year is racing by and it is remarkable to be saying we are in our last term in Nursery! With the warmer weather comes lots of outside learning and exciting enrichments.

With this letter is attached an overview of some of the things your child will learn this term.

### **Topic**

This term we will be continuing our topic on growing and mini beasts looking at the life cycle of a caterpillar and how plants grow, watering plants, ponds, rivers and sea life and then looking at 'A ticket to ride and fun at the seaside as a topic. We will then spend next half term moving on to the deep blue sea, pirates and the seaside. As always it promises to be a fun topic to explore!

### **Literacy**

In Literacy the children will continue developing their pencil control and name writing skills through group work. They will also continue with their daily phonics session, introducing them to rhythm & rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds and oral segmenting and blending. In phonics we will be starting with phase 2 phonics this term. The children are introduced to the phonemes the initial sounds. The children will be learning one sound a week.

Week one: 17<sup>th</sup> April phoneme s  
Week two: 24<sup>th</sup> April phoneme a  
Week three: 1<sup>st</sup> May phoneme t  
Week four: 9<sup>th</sup> May phoneme p  
Week five: 15<sup>th</sup> May phoneme i  
Week six: 22<sup>nd</sup> May revision of sounds.  
Week seven: 5<sup>th</sup> June phoneme n  
Week eight: 12<sup>th</sup> June phoneme m  
Week nine: 19<sup>th</sup> June phoneme d  
Week ten: 26<sup>th</sup> June phoneme g  
Week eleven: 3<sup>rd</sup> July phoneme o  
Week twelve: 10<sup>th</sup> July phoneme c and k.  
Week thirteen: 17<sup>th</sup> July revision of all sounds.

Please can your child bring in every Monday an object or picture related to the phoneme for the week.

The children will be bringing home their own sound book on a Tuesday for you to complete some home activities with the sounds for example going on sound walk and reinforcing the sound with your child. Please can you bring the sound book back every Tuesday so we can put the new sound in. The children will also continue to develop their fine motor skills through adult-led and child-initiated work, pen disco and dough disco, which in the long term will strengthen the children's pencil control skills.

## **Maths**

We will continue to focus on our maths mastery skills such as counting and number recognition to twenty as well as measuring (capacity and mass), more than and fewer than, 2D and 3D shapes, sequencing, what come after and what comes before?

## **Library Books**

School Library Books: We will be continuing to send home school library books on a Friday, for you to share with your child. Please make sure that your child's book is returned before or on the following Tuesday so that we can assign new books for the following week.

## **Lastly a few reminders:**

Please make sure that ALL clothing and shoes worn and brought in to school MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name. We already have a considerable number of unclaimed items in our cloakroom. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## **Uniform**

This half term the children have a choice to wear the summer uniform. The full uniform list is available on the school website. Please make sure children wear closed toe shoes, no sandals.

As the weather improves, please bring your child into school with a sun hat and wearing an all-day sun cream. We do offer free flow between the outside and inside areas for the children however we do not anticipate having much shade in our EYFS outside area. The children will also need to keep bringing their water bottle and this will be available for them during the session. Please can you ensure that your child only has water in their bottles and only sports spout lid bottles as these don't cause spillages. Also, please can you make sure their bottle is clearly named.

## **Dropping off and collection**

Please make every attempt to be punctual when dropping off and collecting your child to avoid unnecessary upset with the children.

## **Forest school**

We will be making the most of the outdoors area and forest school this term. Please can you provide a pair of tracksuits bottoms (winter uniform) to stay on your child's peg. If necessary, your child will wear these over their shorts/dress when we are in the forest.

## **Mystery Reader**

Thank you to the mystery readers we have had so far. The children get really excited when they know there is a mystery reader that day! Please let us know if you would like to volunteer.

## **Tapestry**

Please keep checking Tapestry regularly, including memos, for information on our topic and observations on your child. Don't forget you can add your own observations on there too. The children really enjoy sharing these with their friends.

### **Snack**

Snack money is £12 for the summer term. Please can this be paid by the app 'School Gateway'. As always, the money is used to provide the children with a healthy snack and pay for enrichments such as playdough ingredients and our cooking activities.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Accept school place for reception 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Bank holiday 1<sup>st</sup> May school closed.

Bank holiday 8<sup>th</sup> May school closed.

Bag 2 school collection Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May by 9am.

Open day Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May times to be confirmed.

Occasional day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May school closed.

Half term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June Class photos

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July Last day of term

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to us and we will be happy to help.

We are looking forward to an exciting term!

Kind regards

Mrs Briden, Miss Cannon and Mrs Karbovska

