



May 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term. As always this term promises to be a very busy one!

This term our topic is 'Growing'. We did a brainstorm of this topic with the children and they came up with some fantastic ideas. They were mostly focussed on plants and the idea of growing meaning getting bigger, so this is our starting point.

Please read the curriculum coverage to see what we will be teaching this term. As always there are lots of ways you can help support your child. Make sure when you work through your child's sound book you revise all taught phonemes so they are familiar to your child. You can also work with your child on writing their own name. Please ensure correct letter formation and make sure they are holding their pencil correctly. Library books are also a great way to help your child. Not only do children love to be read to but a love of books will help with future reading! Please change your library book at the **beginning** of the session and **put them back in the green tray**, not the box, so that we can check them back in.

We will also continue to send home some home/school partnership sheets with one of your child's individualised next step on it. Please support us by working on the target and updating us as to how they are getting on.

We will introduce the daily mile this term. This means that we will be doing some light jogging for approximately 10 minutes a day. The idea is that the children run in their uniform so there is no need to send them in anything different however we will need sun hats to help stop us getting too hot. We do encourage the children to drink water after each run.

Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. For health and safety reasons children cannot go on the climbing frame or on the scooters or bikes unless they have suitable footwear. Please make sure that children wear closed shoes and that the shoes do not have laces. As the weather improves (fingers crossed) please make sure your child comes to school wearing sun cream and brings a named hat with them. Children are not allowed to wear sunglasses at school unless there is a medical reason.

Snack money for this half term remains £1.00 per week, £4.00 for the half term or £11.00 up until the end of term. The preferred method of payment is through School Gateway. Thank you for your contributions towards snack. We try and provide the children with a variety of snacks including exotic fruits, meats and savoury bits. We also use this money for our weekly cooking and other activities. These things would not be possible without your donations.

Please remember to inform staff of any changes in circumstance, impending holidays, business trips etc. Little changes can sometimes manifest themselves through different behaviours in the children and it is always helpful if we are in the know so that we are equipped to deal with this.

Phonics this term will be:

Week beginning 29 th April	h
Week beginning 6 th May	b
Week beginning 13 th May	f

Week beginning 20 th May	l
Week beginning 27 th May	Half term
Week beginning 3 rd June	j
Week beginning 10 th June	v
Week beginning 17 th June	w
Week beginning 24 th June	x
Week beginning 1 st July	y
Week beginning 8 th July	z
Week beginning 15 th July	qu

Once we have finished all the sounds, we will spend the rest of the term making sure the children can recognise and name as many as possible, with and without picture prompts, begin to recognise and read some simple phonetic words and begin to learn how to write the letters, forming them correctly. Please continue to practise the sounds with your child and keep their sound book handy for reference and consolidation.

As always we will update the notice board with the week's activities and phonics along with any other important information. Please do keep checking for updates.

Some upcoming events this term:

Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday 24 th May	Open Day
School closed for half-term: Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	
Friday 7 th June	School Association Sponsored Run
Tuesday 25 th June	Parent Induction Meeting for Nursery and Reception Intake 2019/20
Thursday 27 th June	Bags 2 School Textile Collection
Friday 28 th June	Class Photographs
Sunday 30 th June	Summer Fayre
Thursday 18 th July	Sports day (Reserve day Friday 19 th July)
Friday 19 th July	School Association Family BBQ and Disco
Monday 22 nd July	Final session at nursery

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Foster and Miss Cannon