

## Phonics and Reading

Another **big** thank you to all those of you who take the time to listen to your children read and remember to send book bags every day. Remember, the children gain so much from practising their reading skills and enjoying books at home with you! We have noticed a great improvement with those who are reading every night.

Please remember to sign your child's reading record so we know they have read. Please make sure your child brings their reading folder with their sound book, reading book and reading record into school **every day**. Remember, it is important to make this fun and enjoyable.

We will soon be sending home learning journey packs to have a 'sneak peak' at what they get up to at home. We are so impressed with the progress they have made. We can't wait to see what you have been getting up to at home.

### Water Bottles

*In order to have a drink during the day, please remember to bring a named water bottle to keep in school. This is particularly important with the warmer weather approaching.*

We look forward to working with you, and do not hesitate to make an appointment for a Chat if there is anything concerning or worrying you.

Regards

'The Reception Team'

# Reception Newsletter



# Summer Term

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your Easter break and didn't eat too much chocolate! This half term our topics will be 'Superheroes' and 'Lifecycles'. We will then focus our learning around our favourite Superheroes and will be training hard to get fit in our (role play) gym. After that, the chicks will come to visit us, this will be very exciting as we will get to watch them hatch, look after them and help them grow. We also can't wait to visit the farm and see all the different animals on our school trip. We hope to have lots of fun learning this term.

# CURRICULUM

As you know we have a lot of fun learning through play. This term activities will include: watching chicks hatch and looking after them, opening a fancy dress shop, learning about the superheroes, making our own superhero stories, working out in our gym!

## Phonics:

We will continue to recognise digraphs and trigraphs in words when reading, [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) and [www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk) have a range of fantastic games for you to practise. We will also be focussing on writing sentences using our knowledge of sounds. It is really important that at home you try to have a go at writing.

## Literacy:

In Literacy we will be applying our phonic knowledge to do lots of reading and writing based upon our class stories. These will include: reading problems sent by the 'Superhero High Command', writing letters to villains and making up our own Superhero stories.

## Mathematics:

In Mathematics we will be learning to double, share and have through problems. We will continue to explore addition and subtraction. It is a good idea to practice these concepts in everyday situations e.g. 'sharing' your sweets.

Support from home is vital and much appreciated  
so a very big thank you!

We hope you find this information useful and remember you  
can visit the website to see our timetable and detailed  
curriculum Plan.



## PE

This term PE will be on alternate Friday afternoons. Please can you ensure that your PE kit (shorts, T. shirt and pumps) is in school and that each item is **named**. Jewellery (including earrings) should not be worn on PE days.

## Forest School



Beech and Cherry go on alternative Friday's.  
Please ask your class teacher if you are unsure.  
Please make sure that you are suitably dressed and  
have spare clothing in school.

*\*Please note, sometimes weather / staffing etc. can mean that it is not safe for us to attend Forest School.*

## Important Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> May	- Bank Holiday Monday (School closed)
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	- Class photographs
26 <sup>th</sup> May	- School closes (half term)
5 <sup>th</sup> June	- School Opens
12 <sup>th</sup> June	- Chicks arrive (living eggs)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	- Chicks leave (living eggs)
5 <sup>th</sup> July	- Transition day
10 <sup>th</sup> July	- Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July	- School trip to Umberslade Farm
14 <sup>th</sup> July	- Reports to go home
25 <sup>th</sup> July	- School closes (end of term)

This term you will have the opportunity to visit year 1 on a number of occasions to ensure a smooth transition. Dates will be provided once confirmed.