

13th April 2018

Dear Reception Parents/Carers

Summer Term

This term is a very important one for all Reception children. The summer term is when the children reach the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage and their progress towards achieving the Early Learning Goals (ELG) is measured through the completion of the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) in late June. Parents will receive a copy of the outcomes of the EYFSP with their child's school report in July.

This term we will be focussing on a 'Great Outdoors' theme which will underpin all work carried out during the summer months. The children have already brought in their plants which they have grown at home. We are nurturing them in the greenhouse at school until they are larger. Throughout the topic, the class will engage in a variety of cross curricular activities and we will continue the strong focus on the importance of working together as a team.

Please encourage your child to bring in any books/ stories that are linked to the work that we're doing.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes every day and note that you have heard them in their yellow record book. The reading record books will be checked daily and a reward system is in place for children who read at least 5 times a week at home. It is also important that you continue to read to your child at home in order to develop a love for reading and to enable them to experience a wider range of vocabulary.

*Home school books will now be changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday however, books should still be brought into school **EVERY** day.

Spellings

The spelling books will be sent home weekly and are words which the children are expected to be able to read & write by the end of the Reception year. Please encourage your child to learn their spellings each week. The activity is accessible to all abilities and reinforces the teaching in school; in addition it will support and improve your child's reading if they take the time to learn these words. We will be having weekly spellings tests throughout the rest of this term.

Maths packs

Maths packs will continue to be sent home every Thursday. Please take the time to share and enjoy the activities with your child and to return the complete pack by the following Wednesday.

If you do have any concerns at any time about work or anything else, please do not hesitate to come and speak with us.

Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child has a named sunhat in school every day & sun cream.
- Please ensure that all items of uniform and pe kit are clearly labelled.
- Each child needs to come to school every day with a named drinks bottle containing water.
- Friday 27th April – Escot Trip

Volunteers:

Would you be able to help with any of the following?

- Be a parent volunteer on our class trip to Escot on Friday 27th April – 4 helpers are required
- Help on our welly walks – you would not need to commit to every week
- Be happy to dig over our neglected veggie patch & dig in some compost in preparation for the warmer weather and the planting of our seedlings.

If you are able to help with any of the above please do not hesitate to come and speak to us at the earliest opportunity.

As always, thank you for your support.

Mrs Andrea Bolton & Miss Belinda Farmer