

Year R Newsletter Summer 2023



Summer Term - Dates for your diary

Friday 5th May – Coronation Tea Party

Monday 8th May –
Bank Holiday – school closed

Thursday 25th May –
Longdown Dairy Farm trip

Friday 26th May – INSET day

Tuesday 11th July – Year R Sports morning
(9:00am start)

Friday 21st July –
Last day of the Summer term

Welcome back to what will be a very exciting term for everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

We have been so pleased with how the children have settled back into their daily classroom routines and it's lovely to see how refreshed and enthusiastic they are. We have started to mix as a cohort of ninety within our outdoor areas and the children have been enjoying learning and playing with new friends.

What are we learning this term?

Literacy - We have now learnt most of the sounds that we cover in Year R and will have lots of opportunities to apply these sounds this term. We will be trying hard to hear clusters of sounds at the beginning and end of words such as 'crab', 'pond'. We have some more sounds and HRS words to learn soon. The children will continue to read in small groups and change their reading books weekly. The Summer term is when we see lots of children gain the confidence to apply their Phonics skills to independent writing.

Maths – Year R will secure knowledge of number facts through varied practice within our indoor and outdoor environments. They should begin recalling number bonds within 10. Children will continue to develop their counting skills, counting larger sets as well as counting actions and sounds. Children will explore a range of representations of numbers, including the 10-frame, double-dice frames. They will explore representing doubles, 5-and-a-bit numbers and teen numbers. Children will continue to develop a sense of magnitude, e.g. knowing that 8 is quite a lot more than 2, but 4 is only a little bit more than. Please continue to help your child feel confident counting forwards and backward beyond 20.

Understanding of the World - This half term we will be thinking about past and present monarchs, through our Coronation theme. We will be learning about people within our community and how they help us. This includes visits to the Post Office and the farm and visits from a Police Officer and gardener. We will also be making the most of the sunshine (fingers crossed) and taking regular trips to the school woodlands to explore the different wildlife and plants. We will be thinking about how to keep our bodies fit and healthy, talking about healthy eating and exercise in preparation for our Sports morning. Finally, we will consider how much we have changed and grown before moving to Year One!

Snack Fund

Thank you to those who have provided snack money already. Please pass your £5 contribution for the snack fund to your child's teachers as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Woodwork Bench

Thanks to your very kind donations in the Autumn term, we now have our wood working bench up and running. The children are excited to explore new skills and learn how to use tools safely.



Just a few reminders...

Please refresh all of the labels in your child's clothes if necessary.

Whilst the weather is getting warmer, we do ask that you continue to send your child to school with a lightweight raincoat as the great British weather can be very unpredictable.

On hot, sunny days please ensure your child has a named sun hat in school, sun cream is applied before they come to school and they have a named water bottle.

It is an expectation that all children read at home daily. You do not have to share a whole book every day, even reading just a page will make a huge difference to your child's progress in reading. When you read at home please record this in your child's reading diary.

Please ensure your child's reading book and reading record and always kept in their book bag. We change