



Reception

Summer Newsletter

We hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and are well rested for the Summer term! This term is a busy one in Reception, where we will be gathering observations and assessments towards the Early Learning Goals for each child. We welcome your support in this and ask that you contribute to Tapestry as much as possible over the next term! We always value your knowledge and insight as the child's 'first teacher'!

Summer weather

As summer approaches, we are expecting warmer weather. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle filled with fresh water (not juice) and a sun hat to keep themselves protected during break times and outdoor learning. We recommend applying 'once a day' sun lotion before school to keep your child protected from throughout the day.



Topic

Last half term our topic was 'Growing'. We started off talking about ourselves and how we have grown since we were babies. We then moved onto looking at living things and how they grow and evolve such as the life cycle of a butterfly. We also learned about how plants grow and we learned how to label a plant and we even grew our own plants in the classroom! If you look inside the window of Reception Coventry, you can see how much they've grown!



This half term our topic is 'The Sea'. We will be learning all about sea creatures, the ocean itself and about seaside holidays! Please talk with your child about visiting the seaside and the kinds of things you may do when you're at the seaside!

We had some fantastic Under the Sea scenes created as homework, please see our school website or Twitter page for photographs.

Keep your eyes peeled for a letter which will detail when we will be holding our special 'Seaside at School' day, where the children get to dress up as if they were going to the seaside and the Early Years garden will be set up with sand, water and they will even get to make ice lollies! Such fun!



Literacy

This term there will be a big focus on writing simple sentences and beginning to write stories. Please encourage and support your child at home by reading to them, listening to them read their school home reader and by encouraging them to write as much as possible.

Maths

This term we will be consolidating our learning of addition, subtraction, doubling, halving and measure. Please support your child with Mathematics and practise forming their numbers the correct way around to ensure they are prepared for Y1.

Parent Workshops

Our next Inspire workshop will be held on: **Thursday 3rd May** at 9.00am. This will inform you about the Early Years Profile which will be submitted at the end of the Reception year. It will give you advice on how to support your child in achieving the Early Learning Goals (ELGs). We would love to see as many parents as possible!

A big thanks!

All of the teachers would like to thank parents for their support over the past term, particularly in attending workshops, helping your children with their homework and also for your fantastic efforts in contributing to Tapestry! Please continue with this as much as you can to support us in gathering observations towards the ELGs.



Preparation for Year 1

Towards the end of the school year, we will be preparing the children to transition to Year 1. To ensure this is a smooth transition for them, we will be adapting our classroom set up to teach them the routines and practices that they will need to be successful learners in Year 1. If you could talk to your child about Year 1 and how they will be moving up in September, this will help support them emotionally with the transition.

If you have any questions at all, please speak to one of the teachers. We look forward to seeing you on **3rd May** for our Inspire Workshop!

Mrs Iwins, Miss Burns, Miss Luhan, Miss Walmsley and Miss Saboor.