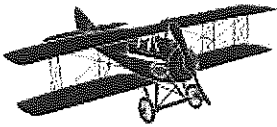


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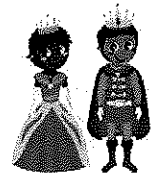
Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! We hope you had a good Easter. We just don't know where the year is going. We finished off our Spring Term with our really successful Science week. The children had a wonderful time and very soon we should have many bee and butterfly attracting plants flowering around the school. We would like to say a special thank you to all those Reception class parents who volunteered during that week. There were more parents from Reception than any other class in school and it was great that you could come along and work with the children.



Our new term started with our trip this week to the Manchester Science and Industry Museum. We saw lots of different aircraft; learnt about space inventions which help astronauts, saw Tim Peake's landing capsule and space suit and finally saw steam trains and learnt about how steam power helped them to move. All this knowledge will support the children with our current 'flight and space' topic.

As the Royal Wedding will be taking place later this half term, we will move onto a topic of - 'princes and princess'. Our role play will turn into an old fashioned castle and we will be looking at the story of 'Cinderella'. We are not sure yet where our topic will lead further in the term, but the children are already showing signs of being really interested in minibeads. They have been spotting some in the garden area this week. This will also fit in with the whole school work of improving areas for 'pollination' to take place in the school grounds, that we did during Science Week.



This is a really important term for the children as they begin their transition into Key Stage 1. We have opportunities planned for the children to visit the Year 1 classroom for stories and step up day. There will also be opportunities for Reception to meet and help the new children who will be coming into school in September, as they make their visits to us. All very exciting for them!

Could we please remind you that every child needs to have their P.E kit in school all week- house T-shirt and shorts and trainers. Our 'Sports Day' will be coming up next half term and children will work in teams to earn points for their house colour. (Wednesday 6th June) Just to give you advance notice of an important date, our Reception Class Assembly is on Friday 6th July around 9.20/30. This is always a special time that you can share with us and you will see how much your child has grown in confidence over the last year.



The weather sometimes gets very hot this term, please could you ensure that children have a sunhat and come with a long lasting sunscreen on. It is really important that they are protected from the sun. And don't forget water bottles!



Please could we ask parents to read the two books with their child that are placed in book bags each week. As long as an adult has read with a child and diaries are signed, the children will change their books each week.

Thank you for filling in the ICT questionnaires on the way your children use ICT at home that we sent out. If you haven't filled them in yet, please do so and send back to us as soon as possible. You are able to provide really important evidence for your child in this area of the curriculum, that will go towards their end of year assessment.

Don't forget any concerns, just pop into the office for an appointment or for a quick chat or we are usually available at the end of the school day.

Just to say, the children are doing really well. They really are a great class! They continue to gain in confidence every day and we are extremely pleased with their progress!

Thank you for your continued support.
The Reception Team.