



Foundation Stage Summer Term Newsletter 2016

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday – the children have certainly enjoyed sharing their holiday news this week.

This is going to be a very busy term, and I can hardly believe it is our last together before the children move into Year 1! We are starting our topic work by thinking about 'Our school community', focussing on all the people who make up our community and the importance of their different roles. We will also consider similarities and differences/likes and dislikes amongst ourselves, reinforcing the message that everyone is different, and we should be sensitive to this, but that we are valued equally. The over-arching theme for the majority of the term is 'The Great Outdoors'. Within this theme we are going to learn about Castles (including a link with HM the Queen's 90th birthday) and I hope that we can visit and find out more about the castle at Castle Rising. We have booked places on the 'Inspired Learning' day at Bircham Windmill on May 5th and the theme is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (more details to follow very soon). We have attended these events for the last two years and all the children have had a fantastic time with so many varied experiences, led by Helen Battelley...the day is bound to include a trip up the beanstalk to the Giant's castle! The children have shown a great enthusiasm for making tents and building dens and so I am planning to use the book 'Eddie's tent and How to go camping' as the starting point for an outdoor focus....I'm really hoping that we can build a camp fire in the wood and try some campfire cooking! The Summer term is the best time of year to learn about Minibeasts, as well as 'Planting and Growing', so we have plenty to keep us busy! I have planned a couple of visits to Houghton Hall to make use of the den-building resources there....we are just awaiting confirmation of the dates.

Our timetabled PE/Music and Movement sessions are on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school all the time and that their trainers/plimsolls fit (we seem to have a few

children without a complete and **named** PE kit at the moment so please check your child's kit on a regular basis).

Everyone will continue to take home a reading book and keywords each day to practise reading/spelling (as appropriate) at home. The importance of supporting your child with their reading on a **daily** basis cannot be over-emphasised and really helps us to ensure that your child makes the progress they are capable of making.

As in previous terms, we will change Library books and have 'Show and Tell' each Friday afternoon, before Golden Time. Homework activities will continue to be sent home on a Tuesday, in line with the rest of the school. Please also try to use rmeasimaths with your child regularly at home. We will be setting this as a homework activity from time to time and it is an excellent way of enhancing the children's mathematical learning.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to and/or commented positively about 'Tapestry'. If you haven't visited your child's profile recently please do try and find the time to have a look together and it would be great to have some more family contributions, the children really do love to share their photos from home and talk about them with everyone.

I plan to invite the new entrants for September to join us on Wednesday mornings for the last three weeks of the term for a series of Transition visits, as per last year. We will also be working with Mrs King's class during July in preparation for the children moving into Year 1. This will be an excellent opportunity for them to get to know Mrs King properly and vice versa!!

Additionally, towards the end of term I will be asking the children to do some investigating about something that especially interests them individually.

As we approach Summer, with lots of warm and sunny weather (hopefully), please could you remember to send your child in with a named sun hat each day and apply sunscreen **BEFORE** coming to school. Also ensure they have a named water bottle too, which should be taken home and refilled every day. Although we have cups in the classroom, they really need a bottle as we often take them over to the field in hot weather.

Finally, please feel free to come and speak to me if you ever have any worries or concerns about your child.

Best Wishes,

Heather Strudwick

Dates for your Diary: (so far - there will be more dates to add ie Sports Day)

April 15th: Lynnsport Day

May th: 'Inspired Learning' Day at Bircham Windmill

May 6th: Rogation Walk

May 27th: Visit to Houghton Hall (tbc) / Break up for Half-term holiday

June 6th: Back to school

June 24th: Visit to Houghton Hall (tbc)

June 2nd: School starts

July 12th: Whole-school 'Moving-up morning' - 9.30 - 10.30

July 13th: Reception Class Assembly - parents are warmly invited to attend

Term ends on **wednesday July 20th**. The new school year starts on **Monday September 5th**.



