Year R Summer 2017 - Newsletter

Welcome to the last term in the Reception Class. I will be continuing to teach the class supported by Mrs. Vaughey on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs. Fowler on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs. Lane will continue to cover my noncontact time on Wednesday mornings. All the children's learning will continue to be theme-based. Through each theme the seven areas of learning will be taught. Our theme this half term is 'Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!'
After half term, our theme will be 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside'
This half term, our value is GRACE. After half term our value will be JOY.

Literacy

This term in Phonics, we will be starting Phase 4 from Letters and Sounds. The children will then be applying new learning, in order to segment and blend sounds in order to make continued progress in writing and reading. Please hear your child read daily and please ask them questions about what they have read. Could you then write in their home reading record and comment on their enjoyment and progress.
In Writing, the children will use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They will be encouraged to spell correctly and write other words that are phonetically plausible. They will also learn to write and spell 'tricky' words. The aim by the end of the Reception year, is for the children to be able to write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others.
In Reading, the children will use their increasing phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read accurately. They will learn to demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read. We will continue to read and listen to a variety of books and we will be visiting the school library in order to facilitate this learning.

PSED

We will continue 'Circle time' which provides the opportunity to share problems and successes in a safe and secure environment. During this term, there will be careful transition sessions in order to prepare the children for joining Year One in September. We will share and discuss concerns and worries, as well as the exciting learning they will be doing during the next academic year!

Maths

Maths will be taught through fun, practical and real life activities.
The children will learn to name 3 D shapes and their properties. We will go on a shape hunt to identify 3-D shapes in the environment. The children will learn how to write a Maths number sentence and learn how to add and subtract, either, using cubes or extended to calculating mentally. We will also be learning how to share items and record.
After half term, the children will solve problems, including doubling and halving. To support Maths learning in the role play area, they will use everyday language to talk about and use money. Finally, the children will be consolidating their Maths skills and leaning and will begin to identify own mathematical problems based on own interests and fascinations.

R.E

This will continue to be taught across the school on Wednesday afternoons. This term the children will be learning about Why Do Christians Believe Jesus Is Special? After half term, they will learn about Special People.

Uniform

Please check ALL items of your child's uniform, including coats and bags are clearly labelled to help them become more responsible and independent. The school uniform is grey trousers or skirt/dress with a yellow polo shirt and blue Nutfield Church jumper/cardigan. Jewellery should be kept to a minimum for health and safety reasons and shoes should be dark coloured and must be sensible and weather appropriate.

Physical Development

The children will continue to have a PE lesson on Thursday mornings in the hall. After half term, they will have P.E. outside which will be led by Mr. Smith, our P.E. Specialist, I will support Mr. Smith during these sessions.
Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit, a navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and navy blue/yellow T-shirts. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. P.E kits should be brought to school and can remain until half term, unless you prefer to take home more regularly.
The children also will follow the 'Activate' exercise programme daily in the classroom. The children are now part of a Rota system with the rest of the school, so that they have the opportunity to use the climbing frame.

Understanding the World

The children will learn how to show care and concerns for living things and their environment. This will support the topic, 'Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!' The children will also be taught simple computer skills and how to use and control 'beebots' which are battery operated moving toys. The children will also learn how to operate simple equipment, e.g. turn on a CD player, in order to support their music and dance learning in the outside area.
As part of the whole school community, the children will now attend Collective Worship with the whole school. On Thursdays, we have our own class Collective Worship. After half term, we will have our own Collective Worship in front of the whole school.

Expressive Arts and Design

In the creative area, the children will explore what happens when they mix colours. For the remainder of the term, the children will continue to use and explore a variety of materials; they will experiment with colour, design, textile, shape and form. This will be achieved through child initiated and adult focused activities.

In Music, the children will be singing songs, making music and creating dance. They will continue to experiment with different ways of changing these themes. Hopefully, you will see the results of some of this learning during the Class Collective Worship after half term.

Diary Dates

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June: Half Term
Monday 5th June: INSET
Tuesday 6th June: Year R – Heights & Weights
Friday 9th June: Year R – PTFA Cake sale & second hand uniform sale (3.15 pm)
Saturday 17th June: PTFA Summer Fair 12.00pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 29th June: Sports Day
Wednesday 5th July: Year R - Collective Worship (9.00am) parents welcome
Thursday 20th July: Last day of term
Friday 21st July: INSET DAY
24th July: INSET DAY
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September: INSET
Wednesday 6th September: Back to School

And finally…

If you have any quick questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the day. If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Thank you for your support and I am confident that all the children will have a happy and successful time during this final term.

Mrs. M. Holmes
Year R class teacher