



## Year R Summer Term Newsletter 2019



*I hope you all had a relaxing and fun Easter. This term our topics are 'Animals and Dinosaurs' and 'Adventures'. The children will be learning about the different species of animals and classifying them. Next half term they will be exploring the idea of an adventure.*

### **English**

*Please read regularly at home with your child as this is very important for the development of their reading and writing skills. Please keep your reading record book in your child's book bag at all times and ensure they are signed regularly. Our writing this term will mainly be linked to 'Oi Frog' by Kes Gray and Jim Field. During this, the children will explore rhyming words and understand why something rhymes and will be building up to create their own version of Oi Frog.*

### **PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)**

*This term, we will be focusing on working in teams to complete activities and tasks. This will help the children further build their ability and confidence in working with others. We will continue to develop our ability to recognise and understand of our own and others emotions, focusing on how people may feel in a variety of situations.*

### **PPA**

*On Thursday morning, I have my weekly non-contact time. During this time, the children will be taught by Mrs Lane, the whole school HLTA. Thursdays will follow the normal timetable.*

### **Maths**

*This term, we will be focusing on writing numerals to 20 correctly and representing those numbers using different objects. The children will also be developing their confidence with adding and subtracting one-digit numbers by counting on or back from a given number. We will also be learning about time and money. The children will expand their understanding of the different coins and ordering events during a typical day.*

### **Phonics**

*This term we will be applying the Phonics knowledge we have learnt so far this year. The children will have the opportunity to read and write words and sentences using the Phase 2 and 3 phonemes in. We will also be learning to apply the Phase 4 strategies of recognising and using initial and final blends, such as 'st', 'nt'. Please keep practising reading the tricky words at home.*

### **In class groups**

*The children have been split into teams within the classroom. Last term, these groups were named after fairy tale characters. This term, as our topic has changed, the groups will now be named after classifications of animals (mammals, birds, reptiles, insects and fish).*

### **Show and Tell**

*Show and tell will be the same as last term, one team per day. The group names have changed and so Mammals will be on Monday, Insects on Tuesday, Fish on Wednesday, Reptiles on Thursday and Birds on Friday. The children know which team they belong to.*

### ***Expressive Arts and design***

*We will continue to have a 'junk modelling' area in the back room, where the children can use different recycled objects such as yoghurt pots, cardboard boxes, milk cartons and toilet rolls. If you have anything you would like to donate to this area, please bring it into school.*

*The children will also be creating Art pieces using a variety of materials and techniques, this term we will be collaging using a variety of materials and modelling using air drying clay.*

### ***Understanding the World***

*The class will have the opportunity to find and examine lots of different insects and think about how we can care for the small creatures in our world in addition to their pets or other animals they have at home. This will be linked to our 'Animals' topic this half term.*

*The children will also be comparing two environments and will be focusing on looking at the similarities and differences. They will also be encouraged to look at the stages of plants growing.*

### ***Physical development***

*This term, the children will continue to develop their ability to change for PE quickly and independently. In the second half of this term, the children will be taught by Mr Smith the school PE coach. During these sessions, the children will be taught Multi- skills to develop their confidence in throwing, catching, kicking accurately, listening carefully to instructions and working as a team.*

### ***Homework***

*Homework books will be sent home on Fridays and should be handed back in by the following Wednesday. The homework letters will contain a brief overview of our learning throughout the week and there will be a small task for the children to complete at home.*

*Please cover these books to keep them looking smart.*

### ***RE***

*Our focus this term will be 'Why do Christians believe Jesus is so special?' and our topic after half term will be 'Special People'. This term, the children will be exploring the stories Jesus told us.*

### ***Collective Worship***

*We will be extending our learning and understanding of our school values within our Christian community during these times. We will attend all of these sessions: Monday to Wednesdays and Friday celebration Collective Worship.*

### ***Uniform***

*Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website and ensure that all items are clearly named.*

*We will continue to play and learn in our outside area so please ensure your child brings a named coat and hat. Wellies will be sent home at the end of the Summer term.*

*As the weather gets warmer, please send your child in with a sun hat and sun cream for them to use during the day.*

### ***Sun Cream***

*As the weather gets warmer, you may wish to send your child in with some sun cream. This will be kept in their trays in the classroom and the children will have the opportunity to apply this during break times and just before lunch time. The children will be applying sun cream to themselves although an adult will be there to oversee and support them with this.*

***Dates to remember:***

- 3.5.19 Summer Mufti - bring a bottle for the PTFA Summer Garden Party*  
*6.5.19 Bank holiday.*  
*20.5.19 School Photographer (Class & Leavers)*  
*20.5.19 PTFA Cinema (3.15 pm)*  
*24.5.19 Last day of term.*  
*3/4.6.19 INSET Days*  
*7.6.19 PTFA Wear your own trainers day - bring sweets for the PTFA Summer Garden Party*  
*7.6.19 Year R Cake Sale (3.15 pm)*  
*15.6.19 PTFA Summer Garden Party (12.00pm - 3.00 pm)*  
*19.6.19 Year R Collective Worship.*  
*27.6.19 Sports Day.*  
*5.7.19 Move Up Afternoon (the children spend the afternoon in their new classroom with their new teacher)*  
*11.7.19 Open Evening (3.15 - 5.30 pm)*  
*11.7.19 Music Concert (6 - 7 pm)*  
*17.7.19 Art Exhibition (3.15 - 5.30 pm)*  
*19.7.19 Leavers Service at Christ Church (1.30-2.30 pm)*  
*24.7.19 Last Day of the year.*

***And finally...***

*If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me or write in the home contact book to arrange an appointment.*

*Miss Johnston, Mr Eddington  
Year R team*