



April 2017

Summer Term News

From Mrs Graham, Mrs Goode and the Adventurers

Highlights

We hope the children (and you!) have had a happy, chocolate-filled Easter holiday. Last half term seemed to fly by! The children worked really hard on many aspects of their topic on Animals, which I hope you will see when they bring various pieces home with them in the coming days. Further on in the newsletter are details of our topic for this term, which I hope the children will enjoy just as much!

We will be having our scheduled PE sessions on **Wednesdays** (team games) and **Fridays** (Athletics) this half term, so please ensure that they have full PE kits in school on those days, with both indoor and outdoor attire.



Reading...

We would like children to read at home as often as possible (minimum 3 times a week) and for this to be recorded in their reading records, please. **Records and books need to be in school daily and books will be changed weekly.** Once a child has read their book we ask that you encourage them to re-read the books to build up their fluency and expression as they become increasingly confident readers. Our children are also encouraged to read other appropriate material if they wish and this can also be recorded in the record.



Reading tips...

Gently correct your young reader

When your child makes a mistake, gently point out the letters he or she overlooked or read incorrectly. Many beginning readers will guess wildly at a word based on its first letter.

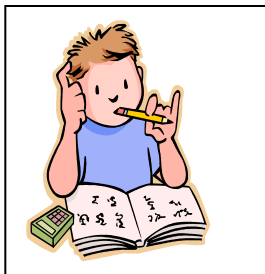
Talk, talk, talk!

Talk with your child every day about school and things going on around the house. Sprinkle some interesting words into the conversation, and build on words you've talked about in the past.

Curriculum Notes.....

This half term our topic will be GLOBAL GARDENS. This topic explores plants and growing things, looking at plant cycles and food chains, investigating the history of different plant-based products and the global context of different foods. Children will also use plants in creating artistic projects.

Hopefully the children will bring home some vegetables that they start to grow in school.



Homework



Spellings are given out on a Monday and tested the following Monday each week, these are linked to the daily phonics taught in class.

Reading should be done every day for 10-15 minutes.

Brainbuilders

A new topic based homework sheet has been added to your child's Brainbuilders book. They should complete as least two pieces of work from the choices given and return this to school by Monday 22nd May.

Key Dates this term:

May 1st – May Day (school closed)

Half term break – Monday 29th May (1 week)

School re-opens on Monday 5th June

A few reminders.....

- Please ensure your child has their home/school diary in school **every** day!
- Please can water bottles be marked/named as we have several children with the same bottle.
- Mrs Graham teaches the class from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Goode teaches the class on Thursday-Friday.
- **PE kits** need to be in school on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** this term.



Contacting Mrs Graham/Mrs Goode

Should you have any concerns please contact us via the school office or feel free to speak to us at the end of the school day.