



Summer Term 2023

RECEPTION NEWS

Our topics this term, are called 'In the Garden' and 'All Creatures Great and Small'. To find out more about what we are learning and how you can support at home, please read the attached topic web.

Last term we started a Rainbow Challenge. This has been encouraging children to challenge themselves during their own (child initiated) learning. After each child has taken on a challenge in a particular area of the classroom, they receive a colour lolly stick linked to that area. The aim is to have tried all the challenges in all areas by the end of the week so that they have all the colours of the rainbow. We have seen this motivating and inspiring pupils, giving them responsibility for their own learning.

Please practise good teeth hygiene and help your child know the importance of brushing teeth and visiting the dentist.

[Children's teeth - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Please remember to inform your class teachers or the school office, if you have made arrangements for another adult to collect your child. Remember they will need to know your password.

This term we will be finding ways to support the children with their transition into Year 1. For example, the children beginning to change their own reading books, joining Key Stage 1 children for assembly and playtimes and visits to the Year 1 area.

Please be aware that we play outside in all weathers. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing to wear e.g. a waterproof coat. During the summer term it is important your child has a sunhat and on sunny days, your child will need to arrive at school with sun cream applied. Please be aware staff cannot apply sun cream on the children.

Reading books are changed twice a week (**Robin Class – Monday and Thursday. Owl Class - Tuesday and Thursday**). Please comment or sign the reading record book. Please keep all books in your child's book bag. Remember, the only way to become a better reader is to practise reading daily. This term, in order to prepare the children for Year 1, we will be supporting the children to begin changing their own reading books.

Please ensure that all clothes are labelled with your child's name. This includes uniform, shoes, socks, coats, hats, lunch boxes and water bottles as many children have identical items.

We have been excited to gain some class caterpillars. The children are enjoying looking after them and watching them grow. We are eager to watch them go through their life stages and release them as butterflies.



On a Tuesday, we are lucky to be taking part in a session Super Star Sports Coach sessions which will focus on ball skills and Mini Olympic style team games.

On Wednesdays, we change our library books. Please make sure your children's library books are in on this day.

Take time to share and celebrate your child's 'Wow!' moments and achievements. They thoroughly enjoy sharing these and it makes them feel really special.

We are a very approachable team and are always happy to answer any questions you may have. If you have a question, please speak to a member of staff.