



EYFS Summer 2 Newsletter



Wow is it that time of the year already! The final half term! This term promises to be a busy one as it is our final push before we start a new school year in September.

The children have worked so hard last half term and I am pleased to say we are well on the way to being ready for September. If you would like to know what your child needs to focus on specifically for this last half term please feel free to email me or speak to me at the end of the day.

We are going to start this term looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. This will link in nicely with our work we have been doing about plants. We have also spent lots of time looking at how we can help the Bees by planting lots of flowers that Bees like to go to. The children have also been investigating how to care for our planet more looking at the huge impact that single use plastics is having on our environment. This half term we will be looking into this in more detail and looking at the different materials we could use to replace fabrics and the ways in which we could help to look after our planet.

In maths this half term we will be focusing on shape, space and measures. We will be identifying shapes in the environment, for example noticing that a car has circular wheels, but also noticing that the box of cereal isn't a 2D shape because it is a solid shape and using their 3D shape names e.g. cuboid. We will also be categorising items based on their weight, shape, size. We will be investigating money more and making sure we know what each of the coins look like and can say what their names are. Any opportunities you have to practise these at home would really support your child's development and learning. I can provide some activities for you to do at home if you would like these to help you.

The children are all becoming fantastic independent workers and they need less and less support from adults. The introduction of our children's baking area has really fostered their independence and encouraged them to think for themselves and be more resourceful. For the Reception children as this term progresses I will start to introduce them to what it is like to work in Year 1, this will be taught as normal but the expectation for them to start to complete their maths and literacy work more independently will become clearer for them. The children have a writing challenge when they come into school that they can complete as soon as they are ready, this is great for the children as it is a truly independent piece of work and they are able to put their minds straight into learning as soon as they come through the door.

Going for Gold challenge this half term

Bronze- I can say the names of 5 different coins from English currency, e.g. £1, 2p

Silver- I can identify and find a given coin from English currency.

Gold- I can say different coins that can be used to make 10p. e.g. 10 X 1p coins.

I will be asking children if they want to have a go at their challenge on Thursdays so please feel free to practise with your child throughout the week to help them progress on the challenges.

The reading challenge from the last half term was a huge success with all the children reading at home. I love how it sparked a little bit of competition with the children and really encouraged them to keep reading their books. Mrs Churchill and I endeavour to read with the children in school twice a week. It is clear to see the children that are reading at home because they are progressing with their reading and moving stages.

Dates for your Dairies:

I understand it is hard as parents to keep up with school events and ones that your children will be involved in. I like to operate with an open door and I am more than happy for you to pop in and ask me on a morning or after school, if you have heard about an event and want to know if your child will be involved. If you don't come into school very often feel free to email me or ask for me to phone you. I have tried to filter through all the events in school and put together the ones that affect Early Years. Events in pink are ones that parents are invited to join us in school for.

- **Wednesday 5th June- 2:15pm- Rawcliffe has got Talent competition.**
- **Friday 8th June- 3pm** - A visitor is coming into school to deliver an assembly about dogs.
- **Wednesday 13th June- 11am-** The school nurse is coming in to see the reception children to complete their weights and measures information.
- **Friday 15th June-** All day the children are taking part in a circus skills day- This day promises to be so much fun learning lots of new skills.
- **Monday 18th June-** The children are invited to watch the dress rehearsal of the summer production.
- **Wednesday 20th June & Thursday 21st June-** Summer production, this has been put together by Miss Knight and her class, however children and their parents from all classes are welcome to come and watch it.
- **Thursday 5th July-** Whole school trip day (Letters sent home Monday 4th June)
- **Friday 6th July-** Sports day- Further details to follow once the plans have been finalised.
- **Monday 9th July** - Children's reports will be sent home
- **Tuesday 10th July - 9:15am** Awards ceremony and Champagne breakfast
- **Tuesday 17th July-** School Disco- Further details to follow once the plans have been finalised.

Finally as the children are becoming expert bakers in Early Years we have decide to host an "EYFS Bake off". This will be held on **Monday 25th June from 9:15am**. All children in Reception and Nursery will be involved however it would be excellent if you can come along to help them. Their finished baked product will go before a panel of Judges and a winner will be chosen. Please complete the slip below to let me know if you can make it.

Thank you,

Mrs Dean ☺

EYFS Bake Off Reply Slip

Name of child: _____

I/We will be attending the EYFS Bake off on Monday 25th June from 9am.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you ☺