



## Reception Class Summer Term Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful holiday and hope you and the children are ready for another busy term which started beautifully with an exciting theme week. The children had great fun learning about their wellbeing and getting creative!

### Curriculum

Our main topic this term is: 'Here, There and Everywhere.' We have started our topic by discussing where we live; our homes and St.Albans. If you have any information or books about St.Albans that we can borrow, please send them in with your child's name clearly labelled so they can be returned once we finish with them. We will also be exploring our environment, planting and growing vegetables, fruit and flowers and discovering how mini beasts live and move and how they affect our environment. See the Curriculum map attached for more details on each curriculum area.

### PSHe: Relationship and Loss

An important part of our curriculum is PSHe (Personal, Social and Health education), which supports children's development in the underpinning qualities and skills that help us manage life and learning effectively. This half term's theme across the school is 'Relationships'. The children will be considering the important relationships in their lives and some of the feelings associated with these. As part of this theme the children will look at feelings of loss, and understanding what these mean at an age appropriate level. Some children may have only limited experience of loss, but others may have experienced bereavement, parental separation or divorce. For most children it will be very valuable to have an opportunity to think about these issues. For some children, though, this might be really difficult – for example if they have experienced a recent loss. Please let us know if you feel that your child will find this topic tricky. It is obviously a sensitive topic and we are happy to talk in more detail about this if you'd like to.

We are also learning about Protective Behaviours so I have attached a programme which outlines the sessions. If you would like further information on these sessions then I am happy to print a booklet which outlines details of each session, alternatively, you can come to speak to me about any questions you may have.

### Reading books, phonics and library books

The children will change their books weekly with an adult, although they can be changed more regularly if placed in the 'change my book' box which is on the shelf near the door. All children will need to bring their **book bag** and **reading record** every day. We will continue to write sounds of the week in reading records and will also start writing words of the week that we would like the children to learn to read.

Library books can will be changed on Fridays. The children will have opportunities to visit our school library to change their book. The library is, however, open before and after school on various days of the week if you wish to change library books more often.

### Family Reading

Family reading will take place on the first Friday of each month.

We would love parents/ carers or relatives to join us at the end of the day on a Friday for Family Reading at **2.45pm-3.10pm** on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** and **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**.

### Home Learning

We will, occasionally, send a short task to aid/extend the children's learning in areas we are focusing on. Other than the set tasks, we would just like you to spend time talking to your children about their interests to increase their ability to speak and listen with confidence and play with your children as this is the best way to enable them to learn!

### **PE and clothing**

PE will be on Tuesdays and some Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school all week as PE days do occasionally have to change. PE kit includes: white and green t-shirt with a school logo (ordered from Stevensons), dark shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms, and trainers (to change into). **Please ensure all PE kit and uniform is named.**

**Our Sports Day** for Nursery and Reception will take place on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15 am**

### **Craft and cooking contribution**

For craft and cooking money this term, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5.00. Please return this in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

### **Class Assembly**

You are invited to come and watch our Class Assembly on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 at 9:15am**. Assemblies last approximately 15 minutes and you may come and take a seat in the hall straight after dropping your child off in the morning.

Best wishes for the term ahead and thank you for your continued support

The Reception Team

