

Tuesday 20th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term

We hope you enjoyed your Easter break and that the children are ready for a busy term. We will be continuing to develop a variety of skills across the curriculum. We will continue to follow the children's interests and engage in a range of activities – please see the attached topic overview.

In Wrens, the children will continue to be taught by Miss Wright and supported by Miss Smith and Mrs Mutlow. On Tuesday afternoons the children will be taught by Mrs Green and Miss Smith. Every other Thursday afternoon the children will have a Forest School session with Mrs Cleaver, Mrs Lafford and Miss Smith or be taught by Mrs Green and Miss Smith.

The children have been great at washing their hands. Just a reminder that hand cream can be sent into school for your child to use. Please label the tube with their name and fill in a form available from Mrs Blake in the School Office.

We encourage parents to support their child's learning at home, but understand that children are often busy or tired after school. The children will continue to bring home their reading books and we would encourage you to **read together for 10 minutes every day** as this will help them to develop confidence and fluency when reading, which in turn will support their writing skills. Please write any comments and sign your child's reading record when you have listened to them read or shared a story. Reading books and records should be sent into school every day. The children will be able to change their books on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Every Monday the children will also bring home a Home Library Book to share. Please share the story and then write a short review together in their red 'Home Library Review' book and return to school by **Friday**. We will send home their red homework book on Friday. Homework should be sent back into school by the following **Wednesday**. The children in Year 1 will also continue to receive a list of spellings on Monday to practise throughout the week. These spellings will be tested on Friday.

We like hearing about what the children are experiencing and learning about at home. Thank you to the parents who regularly send in slips to let us know. The Reception children will be bringing home a new pack of yellow 'Treasure Book' slips on which parents/carers can record their child's learning. These will be added to the children's individual Treasure Books and help us to build up a fuller picture of the children's stage of development. Please put completed slips into your child's book bag. If you require more slips, please ask Miss Wright or Miss Smith.

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Please ensure that your child brings in a coat to school and that they wear sensible black shoes everyday as the weather is so unpredictable. You may also like your child to have a spare pair of pants and socks in their bag just in case they have a toileting accident.

The children can come to school dressed in their Forest School clothes for their session every other Thursday. Their first session of the term will be on Thursday 22nd April. Please ensure that children continue to wear long sleeved tops and trousers to protect them from plants and hopefully the sunshine!

On Monday and Friday afternoons, the children will participate in P.E. sessions, but it is important that they have their P.E. kit in school every day.

Please remember to regularly check your child's hair for headlice and treat if necessary. If your child has longer hair it is advisable to tie it up and this is particularly important on PE and Forest School days. Small stud pierced earrings can be worn but must be removed by the child or covered for all P.E. lessons.

We hope that the weather will improve. We do have a school sunhat for each child in school. On sunny days, please apply sun cream before school. You may also bring in a bottle of sun protection cream/spray that your child can apply themselves. This should be labelled with your child's name and handed to Miss Wright or Miss Smith.

We encourage the children to be responsible for all of their belongings so please help them by ensuring that all belongings – each piece of uniform, school bags, Forest School kit, P.E. kit items, lunchbox and water bottles etc. are still clearly named so that they can be quickly reunited with your child.

If your child is being collected by someone different from normal, then please tell us in the morning or telephone the school office to let us know. If you do not arrive to pick up your child, they will wait in the classroom with a member of staff and you will be contacted. If we are unable to contact you, then we will telephone the next person on the list of people authorised to collect your child. Therefore, it is important that school are informed of any changes to contact details.

Please speak to us in the morning or at the end of the school day if you have any concerns, queries or if there is any change that may affect your child through the day e.g. unsettled sleep, change in family situations etc.

Kind Regards,
Miss Wright and Miss Smith
Class Teacher & Teaching Assistant

