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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWSLETTER

## Summer Term 2018

Welcome to The Summer term! We have lots of exciting events happening in the children's last term in Reception and some special celebrations planned. The beautiful weather in our first week back has given the children some fantastic opportunities to take part in open ended activities such as den building and planting seeds outdoors. This term the children will have lots of opportunities to learn about the natural world, growth, life cycles and changes over time.

Our topic this half term is 'Planting, Growing and Changes'. We have begun planting seeds in our Reception Garden and will be planting and growing beans and other vegetables throughout the Summer term. In the next few weeks, we will be learning about Minibeasts and using information books to help support and develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the natural world. We have selected some lovely picture books related to our Minibeast topic including: *Aaargh a Spider!*, *Tadpole's Promise* and *Bog Baby*.

We have planned some fun activities with our Nursery for the celebration of the upcoming Royal Wedding. We would like to hold a tea party for the Early Years Children on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. The children will be involved in preparing for the party; making decorations and sandwiches to share. We will be asking parents to contribute some food for the party. A note will be sent home with details of what is needed nearer the time.



In Maths we will be continuing to develop problem solving skills and developing mathematical ideas. Children need to be confident with recognising numbers and understanding their numerical value. Please continue to practise number and counting skills at home in different contexts. We will also be exploring capacity through our topic work and investigations in floating and sinking.

### End of School Pick up

Can we please remind parents that our outside area is an extension of our learning environment. We are finding that at the end of the day our children and their siblings are accessing resources and leaving the area untidy. We are also concerned about the safety of children out of school hours. Therefore please ensure that you supervise your children and vacate the area as quickly as possible to allow the Reception team to prepare resources for the next day.

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May- class photos

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May Royal wedding Tea Party -dress up as a prince/princess

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May- Inset day

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Half-term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June- Ladyland Farm visit for Reception

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June School Summer Fayre

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June-History day

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June/Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> morning- Art Exhibition

### How you can help

We are continuing to develop our outside learning environment and are hoping to include a mud kitchen on the grass area.

If you or anyone you know is having their kitchen refurbished and are throwing out an old kitchen work surface and / or sink, this would be perfect for making mud pies! We can arrange to collect items.

Wooden pallets are also very versatile for use in the outside area if you have any left over from a delivery.

If you are having a clear out of old toys, the Reception and Nursery would welcome any "small world" toys such as pirates, knights, dolls, fairies etc...

The children enjoy using playdough in class and we would like to teach them how to make it with us. We would be grateful for any donations of food colouring for this purpose.