



Summer 1 2019 1st Half Term – Reception

Welcome back after what we hope was a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holidays! It's hard to believe we have just two half terms left!

Last term, we learnt about 'People who help us.' We learnt about firefighters, police officers, dentists and our local community. We are grateful to our parents who came in to talk about their careers. These were very valuable experiences which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We also went to the farm to consolidate our learning about animals.

This term, we are learning about 'Minibeasts.' We are sure the children will enjoy bug hunting and getting very messy! Through a range of stories and non-fiction texts, the children will broaden their knowledge on a variety of bugs and insects.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be encouraging the children to try new activities and express their thoughts on them. For example, talking about what they like and dislike. We will also think about the stories we have read and discuss the characters' emotions.

Communication & Language

To develop the children's understanding, we will be asking questions 'how?' and 'why?' This will enable the children to explain their thoughts and experiences.

Physical Development

Through a range of activities, we expect the children to be able to show good control and coordination in large and small movements. They should be able to move confidently in a range of ways and safely negotiate space. We will encourage them to take risks!

Literacy

The children are progressing well with their reading. To begin preparing children for Year 1 we will be encouraging them to do extended writing such as short stories or recounts. Please ensure you read with your child frequently.

Maths

As we are nearing the end of the year, the children should be achieving all aspects of the Early Learning Goals.

This includes adding and subtracting, demonstrating a secure number knowledge to 20 and a range of different measures.

Understanding the World

This term, we will be focusing on technology. We would like to know how your child utilises technology at home and we will be sending home a questionnaire soon. In school the children will be using bee bots.

Expressive Arts

The children have thoroughly enjoyed junk modelling! Thank you for keeping us stocked up! This term, we will be focusing on naming colours and exploring primary and secondary colours.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ As the weather is warming up, please ensure you apply sun cream on your child before the school day starts. It is not necessary to bring sun cream in.
- ★ All children are required to have a Hilltop sun hat which can be bought from the uniform shop.
- ★ **Family Grounds Day:** Sunday 12th May
- ★ **Inset Day:** Monday 3rd June
- ★ **Bluebell class assembly:** Thursday 27th June.
- ★ **Willow class assembly:** Thursday 11th July
- ★ **Sports Day:** 8th July

Miss Romanay (Team Leader) and Miss Wright ☺