



Summer 2 2019 2nd Half Term – Reception

The final half-term is upon us and we are starting to prepare the children for transition into a new year group. This is a very exciting half-term with Team Woodland class assemblies, transition events and sports day.

Last term, we learnt about minibests. The children loved learning facts about different bugs that they come across outside. We had many busy bug hunters roaming around the outdoor areas and carefully catching insects to put into our bug hotel. A popular week of learning focussed on bees with the children learning about different jobs that bees do to work as one big team. The children embraced this learning and enjoyed creating mini-bees as well as bee headbands.

This term, we are learning about growing. We will be planting sunflowers, beans and different vegetables. We know that the children will be excited about seeing the plants growing and are sure that they will take responsibility for watering the plants daily. With the transition into year 1 happening we will also discuss how we grow and change.

Please could we ask that you send in a named baby picture of your child to help with our activities.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

With the transition into year 1 fast approaching we will be having lots of discussions with the children about how they are feeling and what they are looking forward to. We will encourage the children to express their feelings clearly.

Communication & Language

Bluebell and Willow are looking forward to seeing many parents at our class assemblies coming up soon. We are hoping that this will be a good opportunity for the children to speak clearly about their learning.

Physical Development

Sports day will be a fantastic chance for the children to show off their developing gross-motor skills. They have been working hard in PE lessons to get ready for the activities. In our outdoor learning the children have really taken to playing bat and ball which has been great fun.

Literacy

Reading and writing has come along so well in the last term. The children are interested in writing during free flow and are all beginning to use sentence rules such as finger spaces between their words and full stops at the end of sentences. This will remain our focus for the rest of the year.

Maths

As a final push before year 1 we will be engaging the children in activities using money, 3d shapes, writing number sentences and extending their number knowledge.

The children will have opportunities to do maths in KS1 classrooms as part of our transition activities.

Understanding the World

This term lends itself well to meeting the early learning goals in understanding the world. The children will be learning more about life-cycles and watching plants grow. We will look at the process of decay as well as how to look after things that are growing in the garden.

Expressive Arts

This term with our focus on growing the children will be given opportunities to do some observational drawing. They will be able to look closely at many different foods or plants and draw their own versions of them.

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.
- ★ Some children are coming to school without a water bottle. Please could all parents ensure that a named Hilltop water bottle is sent in every day.
- ★ **Bluebell class assembly:** Thursday 27th June.
- ★ **Willow class assembly:** Thursday 11th July
- ★ **Sports Day:** 8th July
- ★ **FS to KS1 transition parents info meeting:** 5th July - 9:00am

Miss Romanay (Team Leader) and Miss Wright ☺