

# Reception Summer Term Newsletter

It's the Summer term and, as the weather (hopefully) begins to improve, we are looking forward to taking advantage of our outdoor area. This week the children have been weeding our allotment and we are now all set for growing lots of fruit and vegetables as part of our 'Wonderful World' topic.

## KEY INFORMATION

- PE is on Monday morning and Friday afternoon. If you have not yet sent in your child's kit, please can we have them as soon as possible. Children will be having some PE sessions outside, so a pair of trainers, rather than pumps would be more suitable. Thanks.
- CHAT Tuesdays will still be running this term. Feel free to pop in after school to look at the allotment, your children's work, our Learning Journey of photographs or to have a chat.
- Children will have lots of opportunities to visit the forest as part of their work on minibeasts this term, so will continue to need wellies in school. We will keep an eye on welly sizes and let you know if anything has been outgrown!



## Reading

Reading at home being the key to success in school. The message remains the same – read, read and read! Continue to practise your child's reading book over again to build fluency and to really embed those words into long term memory. If you have not yet done so, I would also encourage you to access the online reading book that is set for your child each Friday. The website is <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login> and your child's username and password is in the back of their reading diary. If you have any problems logging on, please pop in on CHAT Tuesday and we can have a look on the computer together to iron out any issues.

## Topic



Our topic this term is 'Our Wonderful World'. We will be finding out about plants and minibeasts as well as reading some stories set in Africa. Our topic will be enriched through a variety of books, including The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Baby goes to Market and Jack and the Beanstalk. Some of the exciting activities that we will be doing include growing beanstalks, watching a caterpillar grow into a butterfly, tasting fruits from Africa and going on minibeast hunts. We will also be working hard in our school allotment to grow our own tasty treats!

This term the children will also be learning about the past through some work about castles. Children will be dressing up as Kings and Queens, learning how castles were used in the past, naming the parts of a castle and acting out their own Coronation.



## Maths.

This term children will be learning to name cubes, cuboids, spheres, cylinders, cones and pyramids. Spotting shapes of everyday objects at home, for example a baked bean tin or a stock cube, is a great way for children to practise this with you at home too.

Most children can now double to  $5 + 5$ , and this term we will be learning to halve to 10. Using the 'one for you, one for me' method is a great way of doing this at home. We will be teaching the children that half means sharing something into *two equal groups* and that some numbers will have an *odd one left over*. This will lead us nicely into talking about numbers that are odd and those that are even.

**And finally... Thank you for your continuing support. We can't wait to have another happy and successful term together!**

**From Mrs Branch and the Reception Team**

