



Year R Summer Term Newsletter 2022



Welcome back everyone - we hope you had a lovely Easter break. This half term the children's learning will be on the topic 'Habitats' and we will focus particularly on minibeasts. After the half term break, the children will be learning about 'Space'. This half term, our whole school value will be Dignity and after half term, it will be Joy!

As part of our preparation for moving to Year 1 in September, there will be a few small changes to our daily routines this term. Well done everyone for coming in so brilliantly at the start of the day - the children were so grown up and handled this extremely well. The adults were very impressed! Starting this week, the children will join Year 1 and Year 2 at morning break Playground and will also be joining the rest of the school in the hall for daily Collective Worship.

Literacy

We will be working very hard this term on our speaking, listening, reading and writing. We will be thinking particularly about using full sentences when we speak to help us to write more accurately. We will also be trying to use capital letters and full stops.

Through our topic work, the children will have the opportunity to produce work in a range of genres, beginning with a mini beast fact file. There will be a particular focus on non-fiction this term and the children will have the chance to find their own information and present this on paper.

There will continue to be a focus on pencil grip and handwriting as it is very important that the children learn the correct formation of each letter.

Maths

During the first half term the children will recap ordering numbers 1 - 20. They will begin to consider the composition of a two digit number i.e. that it is made of one ten and some ones, so they can give reasons why one number is bigger than another. We will then move on to look at addition and subtraction within 20 and think about 1 more and 1 less than a number. These topics will be revisited throughout the term so the children become secure with these key concepts ahead of their move into Year 1. We will also revise our previous learning on capacity, weight and length, thinking carefully about our use of vocabulary and beginning to give reasons for our ideas.

PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)

This half term the children's PSED sessions will link with our school value of Dignity and our topics 'Habitats' and 'Space'. We will be thinking about ways to care for our planet and the environment where we live and what happens when we don't do this well. After half term, our focus will be on 'changes' in preparation for our move into Year 1. We will discuss how changes can be really positive but that they can still be challenging and we will learn some skills to help us prepare for our next year at school.

Reading

Please continue to read regularly at home with your child as this is very important for the development of their reading and writing skills. Do keep updating your reading record book and ensure they are signed regularly. Reading books will continue to be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays once it has been recorded in your child's reading record book that they have completed the book they were sent home with. Reading activities form part of the daily practice within the class and your child will be heard reading on a 1:1 basis each week.

On Thursday we visit the school library, the children have the opportunity to choose a book they would like to take home for a grown up to read to them. Please make sure your child brings their library book back the following Thursday so it can be changed.

Phonics

During the first half of the Summer term, we will begin to look at Phase 4 of our Phonics programme, Essential Letters and Sounds. This Phase does not introduce any new phonemes (sounds) but does require the children to begin to segment and blend longer words (containing perhaps 4 or 5 phonemes). After half term, we will begin to look at Phase 5, which introduces new digraph phonemes (sounds made of two letters). Throughout the term we will continue to recap our previous Phonics learning through both reading and writing activities. Please encourage your children to consolidate their understanding of this by applying their phonics knowledge when reading at home.

RE

Our focus this half term is 'Why do Christians believe Jesus is special?' We will be thinking about people who are special to us and why. We will learn about some of Jesus' miracles, including the feeding of the five thousand and the Healing of the paralyzed man. After half term, our topic will be 'How did Jesus rescue people?' We will learn about people who may need our help and suggest ways to help them. In addition to these units, we will also be looking more deeply at the Christian concepts:

Incarnation - understanding that God came to Earth in human form as Jesus to show that all people are precious and special to God.

Salvation - understanding that Jesus' name means "He saves" and that Christians believe Jesus came to show God's love.

Physical Development

The children will continue to have their P.E sessions on a Thursday these will take place either in the school hall or outside, depending on the weather.

Please could your child bring in their kit each week, including their trainers (no plimsolls please). The children will build on the work they have done this year so far, negotiating space and demonstrating balance and coordination. We will also practise travelling in a range of ways: running, dancing, hopping and skipping and begin to incorporate a range of equipment such as bats and balls of differing shapes and sizes.

Understanding the World

Using the topic 'Habitats' during the first half term the children will learn about mini beasts. We will find out fun facts about a range bugs and insects and consider the environment where they live and why this is important. We will also spend time considering alternative habitats, such as jungles, deserts and the polar region, comparing these and thinking about the animals which live in these areas.

After half term, to complement our topic, 'Space' we shall be learning about the different planets which exist within our solar system and considering what it might be like to live on another planet. We will use a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to support our voyage of discovery! We will learn about the job of an astronaut and about the importance of space travel. Our art and design and role play activities will link heavily with this topic.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term the children will use a range of techniques using paint and printing to create their own minibeasts. They will also have the opportunity to role play explorers and vets as part of their topic work. We will spend as much time as possible outdoors, learning about and looking for minibeasts and will design and create suitable accommodation for our chosen bug, thinking about its particular needs. After half term, we will use a range of media to create our own solar system and will consider different types of space transport and what an astronaut may need to take with them on a mission to space.

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website and ensure that all items of your child's clothing are clearly named.

We endeavour to be outside as much as possible, so as the weather heats up, please ensure your child brings a sun hat, sun cream, appropriate shoes and a water bottle.

Homework

Homework books will continue to be sent home on Fridays containing the weekly homework letter which gives you a brief overview of our learning throughout the week. Please hand the homework books back in by the following Wednesday. There will be a voluntary activity for the children to do to reinforce their learning.

And Finally...

As you will already know, Mrs Rutter is poorly and will not be in school for the next few weeks. In her place, Mrs Benjamin and Mrs Summers will be teaching the children. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us on the playground at the end of the day or by emailing the office: info@nutfield.surrey.sch.uk. We are looking forward to getting to know you better over the coming weeks and are happy to help in any way we can.

Mrs Benjamin, Mrs Summers, Mr Eddington and Mrs Rutter (who is looking forward to seeing you all soon)

Reception class team

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 26th April: PTFA school cinema 3:15pm - 5:30pm

Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 17th May: School photographer (whole class group)

Thursday 26th and Friday 27th May: no Ark (pm)

Friday 27th May: PTFA Summer Mufti (in return for bringing a bottle for the tombola)

Friday 27th May: break up for half term

Friday 3rd June: Jubilee Tea Party

Monday 6th June: INSET Day - no school for children

Friday 10th June: PTFA Reception class cake sale

Friday 17th June: PTFA wear trainers (in return for bringing sweets for the summer fayre)

Wednesday 22nd June: Reception class Collective Worship 9am - parents welcome

Friday 24th June: Sports Day 1:00pm - 3:15pm

Saturday 25th June: PTFA Summer Garden Party 12pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday 29th June: Hopathon

Friday 1st July: INSET Day - no school for children

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th July: Art Exhibition 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Thursday 14th July: Open Evening (timings TBC)

Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July: no Ark am or pm

Friday 22nd July: end of school year

Thursday 2nd September: First day back to school for children