

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Last term in Year R!

Welcome back to what will be a very exciting term for everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

We have been so pleased with how the children have settled back into their daily classroom routines and it's lovely to see how refreshed and enthusiastic they are.



Thanks to your kind donations in the Autumn term, we now have a new mud kitchen up and running which the children are very much enjoying! We were also able to use the money to enhance our sports area.



Understanding of the World - This half term we will be thinking new life and animals, helping us to be Longdown Little farmer experts ready for our trip. We will then learn about people within our community and how they help us. This includes visits to the Post Office and the farm as well as visitors coming in to school. We will also be making the most of the sunshine (fingers crossed) and taking regular trips to the school woodlands to explore the different wildlife and plants. We will be thinking about how to keep our bodies fit and healthy, talking about healthy eating and exercise in preparation for our Sports morning. Finally, we will consider how much we have changed and grown before moving to Year One!

Literacy - We have now learnt most of the sounds that we cover in Year R and will have lots of opportunities to apply these sounds this term. We have some more sounds and HRS words to learn soon. The children will continue to read in small groups and change their reading books weekly. The Summer term is when we see lots of children gain the confidence to apply their Phonics skills to independent writing and we would love you to encourage this at home too.

Maths – Year R will secure knowledge of number facts through varied practice within our indoor and outdoor environments. They should begin recalling number bonds within 10. Children will continue to develop their counting skills, counting larger sets as well as counting actions and sounds. Children will explore a range of representations of numbers, including the 10-frame. They will explore representing doubles, 5-and-a-bit numbers and teen numbers. Please continue to help your child feel confident counting forwards and backward beyond 20.

Reminders

Please refresh all of the labels in your child's clothes if necessary.

Whilst the weather is getting warmer, we do ask that you continue to send your child to school with a lightweight raincoat as the great British weather can be very unpredictable.

On hot, sunny days please ensure your child has a named sun hat in school, sun cream is applied before they come to school and they have a named water bottle.

It continues to be an expectation that you read with your child daily. You do not have to share a whole book every day, even reading just a page will make a huge difference to your child's progress in reading.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
- Friday 24th May - INSET Day
- Monday 3rd June - Final half term starts.
- Thursday 13th June - Trip to Longdown Farm.
- Friday 14th June - Year R year group photo.
- Tuesday 9th July - Year R Sports morning.
- Thursday 11th July - Little City, kindly funded by the HSA.
- Wednesday 17th July - Farewell Picnic at 2PM.
- Tuesday 23rd July - Last day of Year R.