



## Welcome to the Summer term!

We can scarcely believe how quickly this year has gone and that we are now beginning the final term of your child's Reception year! We are so proud of the children and the progress they are all making.

We hope you had a fun and restful time with your children over the Easter holidays and that they are now ready to engage in some great learning with us over the next few weeks!

Our enquiry based question for next half term will be '**Where do minibeasts live?**'

The themes we follow are based on the children's interests. We are keen to know what interests your child out of school as well to help us plan relevant and interesting activities.

The children are continuing to make good progress in their Phonics and Reading work and we hope your child is continuing to enjoy sharing their Reading Books with you at home. **Please do** try to read with your child at home - it really does help them and makes a huge difference to their skill and progress.

This term is an exciting and important time for your child, as they will soon be moving onto Key Stage 1. We aim to make the transition as smooth and enjoyable as possible, and this will be made easier with the Year 1 classrooms being in the same area of the school.

As always, a huge thank you to you for your continued support at home.

### **A few reminders....**

**Session Times** - Doors open at 8.40 am and close at 8.55 am and school finishes at 3.05pm.

**Library** - Your child will continue to bring home a new library pack with storybooks to enjoy at home. Both classes will be given their new pack every Monday and it will be collected on a Friday.

**Handwriting** - Cursive handwriting is taught in school. Please support them at home with this and encourage the cursive script to be used when they are writing.

**Phonics** - Please continue to practise the letter sounds and reading the words that we send home with your child, including red words which are read on sight.

**Learning Journal Files** - These are kept in your child's classroom and contain a collection of observations that we access. We value all contributions you make to your child's learning at home. Any learning which your child may independently choose to do at home is always wonderful to see. Please take note or bring in any examples of work which can be added to their Learning journal.

**Reading** - Your child will continue to read with an adult every week on their reading day. Please remember to bring your child's reading folder to school **every day** so we can send a new book home as often as possible. Please read with your child **every night** as reading regularly, will enhance their skills in preparation for year 1.

**Uniform and coats** - Please ensure you clearly label all of your child's clothing, as it is very easy for things to get lost or misplaced. The children are becoming very independent at school, so please bare this in mind when dressing your child (e.g. shoes with laces). When sending in sun hats, please also label.

**Sun Cream** - As the summer term progresses, we will, hopefully, have some sunny days at school and we ask that you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school in a morning and also send them with a sun hat / cap which they can wear when playing out. We will support the children to apply more sun cream during the day but cannot put it on them so a good, initial application at home is really important.