

Year R Summer 1 Newsletter

This half term has been packed with activities! We've had World Book Day, Mother's Day, sponsored bounce, welly walks, ducklings and so much more! We can't thank you all enough for your support with events, especially with the mystery readers and welly walks. We hope the children have enjoyed themselves and get some well-deserved rest over the Easter break!



When we return after the holidays we will begin our new topic.

Vroom, Zoom, Let's Go!

Through this topic we will be blasting off into space, flying to other places around the world in planes that we design, exploring different types of trains including old and new before sailing out to sea ready for our final year R topic 'Away at Sea.'

We are planning to use our garden space for a lot of our learning so you may have noticed that the year R team have been busy creating some new learning areas. We now have a travel shop, a train and trucks repair centre, a place to drive cars on ramps and table spaces to ensure we can continue to develop skills we will need ready for the move to our next year group.



Could we politely request that once the children have been collected at the end of the day, they do not get the toys out. We are finding that areas the children have worked hard to tidy in the afternoon are left with toys everywhere again, meaning it is not ready for the next day. We are also finding some of the toys are broken. To support with this, we will be locking the year R gates at 3.30. Thank you for your support and understanding.



As we move into possible weather improvements (we hope!), could we please ask that you make sure children are dressed appropriately. It may be worth sending a named hat into school and if you want to leave a suncream at school, we can support children to apply this. Any support you can offer at home with regard to teaching the children how to put on their own suncream would be a great help.

Welly walks will take place again next half term. There will be a separate letter for this once we return after the Easter holidays.

As lots of you will know Miss Traynor is expecting a baby. We are happy to share with you that she will be having a little girl! Miss Traynor will be in and out over the next half term and looks forward to sharing the news with you.



You will also notice a new face as we welcome Miss Harbour To the team. Miss Harbour will be working as a teaching assistant in year R with both classes.

This page will show the different areas of learning and some of the focus for these.



Personal, social and emotional development- We will continue with our scheme Jigsaw. This half term the focus will be on families, friendships, bullying and being the best friends we can be.



Communication and language- We will be sharing lots of stories looking out for ambitious language and how we can use them in our conversations and writing.



Physical development- We welcome back the sports coach who will be working with our teams to enjoy lots of outdoor games. We will also be using our garden space to explore movement related to our topic.



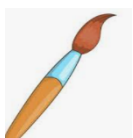
Literacy- The children are making great progress with their blending skills to read and write words. The next challenge for us will be to apply this to writing a sentence. We will be exploring using finger spaces between words and where to place a capital letter and full stop.



Maths- We will continue to expand on our understanding of number. We will also be looking into positional language and measure.



Understanding the World- We will be planning journeys, looking at different places that we might like to visit. We will also practice crossing a road safely looking for cars and other vehicles and exploring different crossings. We will also be finding out about different materials to see if they float or sink.



Expressive Art and Design- We will have lots of opportunity for being creative in our learning spaces including making tickets for travelling, designing new ways to travel and using music to support our role play.