

## Reading



The children are so proud of their reading achievements at home and are keen to earn a sticker on their chart each week.

We would love to see more children accessing Bug Club book each week as well as the two reading books we are sending home. Please speak to us if you are unsure of how to access Bug Club.

## Keywords

Thank you for all the work you have been doing at home to help your child learn their key words. Please continue to practise these, particularly any red words they have, as often as you can at home.

## Phonics (Read Write Inc)



The children are making good progress in their phonics lessons, developing independence and confidence to use the phonics sounds they know to read sentences more fluently and write words within short sentences independently. We continue to focus on building the children's sight recognition of 'red words'.

## Miller's Ark Farm Visit



This week we will be sending you an email about an exciting visit from Miller's Ark farm, which we have planned at the end of term on, Thursday 22nd July.

In the absence of an outing due to COVID, we are planning on making this day our unofficial 'trip' with a picnic lunch and other fun and games across the day! More information to follow nearer the time. For now, please complete the permission form in the email.



## Our topic this half term is: **Stomp, nibble, crawl; exploring animals great and small**



*We will explore the big question,*

**'Do we have a duty to look after our world?'**

## Topic learning

This Half Term we will spend time learning about dinosaurs, farm animals and minibeasts.

We will be learning about different species, their features, their young and their habitats.

## Want to help?

- Read fiction and non-fiction books with your child about dinosaurs, farm animals and minibeasts.
- When reading non-fiction, encourage your child to answer questions and explain what they have found out.
- Can you hunt for minibeasts or even make a bug hotel in your garden?
- This is a lovely website you could use to explore facts about the different creatures we are learning about this half term: [www.dkfindout.com/uk/](http://www.dkfindout.com/uk/)

## Maths



We shall spend the first week of this Half term finishing our Numberblocks journey, meeting 19 and 20.

After this we shall spend the rest of the term working on developing the children's understanding of addition and subtraction within 20, introducing strategies such as 'counting on' and 'counting back' to find the answer.

We will also work more on the children's understanding of doubling, halving and sharing and how using these strategies can help the children solve problems.

## RE



Next half term we will be learning about Special Clothes. We will look at clothes that we wear for special occasions, and then what Christians wear for different occasions too. This will include our very own Year R wedding!

## Sun hats, sun cream and rain coats



Please can we remind you that your child needs to come to school with a named sun hat every day, or have a hat which can be left in school.

We ask you to apply sun cream at home before school. We are unfortunately unable to re-apply this for them throughout the school day, but provided your child can do this themselves, you can send it in. (Roll-ons are good). Please ensure it is named.

Despite the warmer weather, please send your child in with a coat every day.

A lightweight raincoat or pac-a-mac is fine..

