

Reading



The children are so proud of their reading achievements at home and are keen to earn a sticker on their chart each week, so please remember to add a tick every time they read. As the children become more confident to read by sight our focus moves to fluency, expression and comprehension. Please encourage your child to read each sentence back, look for speech marks as an indicator that they can use an expressive voice, and ask them questions about what they've read.

Keywords

Please continue to practise your child's words, particularly any red words, as often as you can.

Phonics (Read Write Inc)



The children are making good progress in their phonics lessons, developing independence and confidence to use the phonic 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 both red and green words.

Bucklebury Farm Visit



We are getting excited about our trip to Bucklebury Farm Park on Thursday 23rd June! More information to come nearer the time.

Sports Day— Friday 10th June



Please can we remind you that your child needs to come to school wearing a coloured t-shirt to match their sports day team this Friday as well as their usual shorts and trainers. They will also need to bring a sun hat, rain coat, jumper and water bottle. Please send in bags and reading folders as usual.



Our topic this half term is: **What an adventure!**



Topic learning

This half term we will continue on our hot air balloon adventure! We will:

- Land on the African plains. We will learn about safari animals and compare and contrast life in Africa with England.
- Zoom off into outer space!
- Land back on Earth and dive into the depths of the ocean near the Great Barrier Reef.

Want to help?

- Look at an atlas or map at home and discuss their features.
- Explore Google Earth at home; can they spot the land and the oceans? Can you look at places you have been on holiday?
- Look at non-fiction books about the places we will be visiting on our adventure. How are these places the same as our country or our town? How are they different? How is life different for people who live there?
- Read fiction stories set in these places.
- Explore <https://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 10, 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



In RE this half term we will be learning about the concept of Special Clothes. The children will explore how both Jewish and Christian people use special clothes to celebrate special occasions. As part of our RE week we will be having a mock wedding celebration with everyone dressing up! More information to follow nearer the time.

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..

