

Year R Newsletter

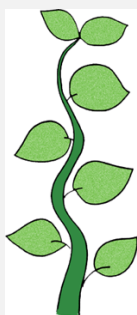
April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. The children have already started their learning on 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by planting their own seed and keeping a bean diary.

Thank you for all your donations for our garden, we are still welcoming any donations if you have anything garden related that is spare or unwanted. The children are thoroughly enjoying exploring a range of seeds and taking care of their own plants provided by you.

A big well done to all of our Year R children who took part in the sponsored run on the last day of term, it was fantastic to see the children's determination to cross the finish line!



Kind regards,

The Year R Team

Polite reminders...

If you are planning to send money into school in your child's book bag, it needs to be sent to school in a named envelope with a note detailing what it is for to avoid any confusion.

We seem to have lots of lost property that we are unable to return as these items are not named. Please check all clothing, book bags and water bottles to ensure they are labelled clearly.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school, it is important that the children have access to their own water throughout the day, particularly when participating in P.E.

Thank you

What will we be learning about this term?

Topics: 'What happened to Jack's beans?' and 'Are all minibeasts scary?'

Literacy: Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs – ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi. Reading tricky words by sight – they, are, all, said, have. Writing bean diaries, stories and captions.

Maths: Days, months, Time (o'clock and half past). Subtraction, halving and sharing objects to 20 and beyond. Working out 1 more/less than a number to 20.

Understanding the World: Learning about different parts of a plant and what the plant needs them for through observing the growth of their seed. Life cycle of a caterpillar (The Very Hungry Caterpillar). Minibeasts and their habitats.

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you everyone for supporting the book fair at the end of term 4. We sold over £1000 worth of books which meant the school made £600 worth of commission to spend on topping up reading areas in classroom.

This is an amazing amount raised and the support you all gave is very much appreciated.

Happy reading!

**Miss J Capes
Reading Leader**

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 25th April – Hedgehogs Forest school

Tuesday 2nd May – Owls Forest School

Tuesday 3rd May – Bears Forest School

Monday 22nd May and Wednesday 5th July – INSET days—School closed for pupils.



Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 26th May – Last day of Term 5

Monday 5th June – Start of Term 6

FOREST SCHOOL

Thank you to those who are able to volunteer their time to help with our Forest School sessions, your participation really does enhance the learning for our children! Parents are always welcome and so far, have been a great help in supporting the children with bug hunting and woodland clay faces. The children are very confident with explaining their boundaries, exercising their Forest School call and exploring their environment confidently. Below is a list of forest school dates for each class and some reminders of how our forest school sessions work.

- Forest school takes place in practically all weathers.
- Winter forest school clothing includes wellies, hats, gloves, hats, extra socks and a waterproof layer over their coats.
- All parents/grandparents/carers of children in Year R are welcome to volunteer.
- We invite a maximum of 5 parents per session.
- We select different parents each time so everyone gets a chance.
- Parents volunteer via their child's contact book.
- Class teachers will let you know if you are needed for the session via the contact book.
- We need to know the Friday before the forest school is taking place due to requesting extra permissions for visitors to be onsite.
- Forest school starts at 9:15am.
- Parent volunteers sign in at the office after drop off and are collected by a member of the YR team.



Term 5 dates*

Hedgehogs - Tuesday 25th April

Owls - Tuesday 2nd May

Bears - Tuesday 9th May

Whole year group - Tuesday 23rd May

Term 6 dates*

Hedgehogs - Tuesday 13th June

Bears - Tuesday 20th June

Owls - Tuesday 4th July

Whole year group - Tuesday 18th July

*These dates are subject to change.

We look forward to seeing you at our Forest School sessions!

Mathletics Online Learning

Each week your class teacher will be setting Mathletics homework. Please support your child each week to complete the set tasks. You can access Mathletics through the following web address: www.mathletics.com Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are unsure of your child's login or need support to use Mathletics.