



Buttercup class Newsletter

Summer 2

EXPLORATION

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. The topic for this half term is called 'Exploration'. This is primarily a Geography and Literacy based topic. A topic map is attached so you can see the activities and learning objectives we will be covering in more detail. The children will be creating and writing many stories and focusing on expanding their descriptive vocabulary as well as learning about famous explorers and life at sea.

A new home learning grid has been stuck into the children's green home learning books and is also available on the Buttercup class page of the school website. Thank you for all the high quality home learning completed so far, it has been a pleasure to review and mark. I have noticed some of the children aren't as confident at spelling tricky words. We will therefore also have a big focus on this too. If you could revise these at home as well, it will mean the children will be well prepared for Year One. A list of them can be found at the front of their red reading record book.

Tesco trip

The children were thrilled to go on the large white bus to Tesco and learnt so much during their time there. All of them have written beautiful recounts of their time on the trip. The children also drew pictures too. Watch out if you shop at Tesco Royston as their work should be displayed there soon.

Class assembly

Buttercups will be leading the school assembly on Thursday 15th June at 09:05am. In it, they will share their learning across their time in Reception. After the rest of the school have returned to their classes, the children will bring you down to Buttercup classroom so you can see their recent work, writing books and pirate art work. Mrs Gould will then host tea and coffee for you in the foyer beside the Community Kitchen. This event will be a lovely celebration of their learning and development so far, and all of you are very welcome to attend. I know the children are extremely excited about this.

Transition to Year One

This half term will be used to get the children ready for their move to Year One in September. Buttercups will be working more closely with Year 1 /2 by completing maths challenges and listening to story sessions on Thursday afternoons. This is in addition to the move up morning on Thursday 29th June. Children's reports will be sent out on Friday 23rd June. This will detail the children's progress against the end of year Reception goals as well as containing a detailed record of their Characteristics of Effective Learning.

In Reception the children have been working really hard on their confidence and independence skills. I am so proud of how these skills have grown in all the children since September. In Year One the children are strongly encouraged/expected to come into school on their own. To prepare them for this, I would ask that you drop the children off at the external Key Stage One door and complete your farewells as the whistle blows. I will stand at the external door over the next few weeks to support them with this. If there is a vital piece of information that you need to pass onto myself or Mrs Surridge, then please do come into the classroom. However, I would respectfully request



that you leave this to the end of the day, or email the office if it really isn't urgent, as mornings are busy times when I need to settle the children into their morning learning. I would really value your assistance with this.

Warm Weather Preparation

Please could you make sure your child brings a water bottle, sun hat and sun-cream to school. I will make sure they reapply any sun-cream before lunch time. It is still important that they bring rain jackets, especially as the rain can be unpredictable in the English summer. Buttercup class will also be holding many learning sessions outside this half term.

Respecting resources and equipment

We have been thinking about how we can respect people, places and possessions as part of our PSE circle times in Buttercup class. Unfortunately Buttercups have been responsible for breaking an excessive amount of equipment and resources before half term. The breakages were over and above the normal wear and tear expected of a Reception class. Many of the broken resources were expensive purchases and a result of rough play or dropping/leaving them on the floor when they finished playing, rather than tidying them back. Please could you talk to your children about caring for their toys too, and encourage them to tidy as they play?

Don't forget to check the name labels on the inside of clothing. Many have now washed off and it is tricky to work out who the item of clothing belongs too when it is misplaced.

Tapestry

Thank you to all those who came to the Tapestry meeting. You have now all been set up to view your child's photos. If you log onto Tapestry using the email address you provided on the permission form and the password Buttercups1617 you will be able to access them. Please immediately change your password for security. You should receive an email notification about this from Tapestry too.

Garden party

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how wonderful it has been to work with your children. I have been impressed with how hard they have worked and how much they have excelled with their learning. Buttercups and I warmly invite you to come to a garden party on Thursday 20th July at 2:30pm to celebrate their year in Reception and have one final look through all their work. I would also like to thank you for hard work at home and the wonderful home learning projects.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to me. I am really looking forward to this final exciting topic.

Kindest regards
Miss Liz Kerr