



Buttercup class Newsletter

Summer 2

Marvellous Mini beasts

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. The topic for this half term is called 'Marvellous Mini beasts'. This is primarily a Science 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 researching and recording many interesting facts about mini beasts. 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.

A new home learning grid has been stuck into the children's purple home learning books and is also available on the Buttercup class page of the school website.

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 Wednesday 4th July 2018. Children's reports will be sent out on Friday 22nd 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 Collins/Miss Brown/Miss Baker, 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.

Summer Fair

The summer fair will be held on Friday 29th June 2018. This is a lovely event and every class will have a stall. Children from Buttercup class are welcome to come and help Miss Kerr, Miss Brown, Mrs Baker and Mrs Collins with the stall. It is a good opportunity to count money and the children really enjoy the responsibility.



Sports day

Sports day will be held on the morning of the 9th July 2018. You are warmly welcome to stay afterwards and bring a picnic lunch that you can eat with your child and their friends and family. This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements. The reserve sports day is Thursday 12th July 2018.

Reception 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. A range of healthy food will be available for you and the children to eat.

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