



## **Reception Summer Term 2019 Information**

### **Literacy**

In literacy we will be continuing with our daily phonic sessions to support the children's reading and writing as well as our daily Funky Fingers to support and teach pencil grip, control and handwriting. The children's writing will be focused around our topic, writing words and beginning to write simple sentences. They will continue to have access to a range of writing materials for free writing including books, cards, lists, invitations and letters. If your child is writing at home please ensure they are holding their pencil correctly and firmly. Please also encourage writing in lower case letters apart from at the start of their name. Tricky words will continue to be checked fortnightly; we check your child knows their words independently in their reading and phonic games.

### **Maths**

In maths we will continue to recognise and order numerals 1-20 and beyond and work on knowing 1 more and 1 less of any number. We will be solving addition and subtraction problems to 10 then 20 and beyond, using objects and number lines for support. We will be looking at money, capacity and naming and talking about properties of 3D shapes.

### **Cornerstones**

Our new theme this term is 'Why do Zebras have Stripes?' We will be learning about different wild animals, their features and habitats. We start this topic with a trip to Paignton Zoo to engage the children and give them a first hand experience of some the animals.

Towards the end of Summer we will be thinking about 'Ourselves'. We will be asking the children to review their year, think about the progress they have made and the new skills they have learnt. We will be getting ready for the transition into Year 1, writing letters to the new teacher about ourselves and writing lists of our favourite things.

### **Key reminders**

**Reading:** Please ensure your child's book bag is in school every day. Their Reading Record will be checked for home reading every Friday. Please continue to record any book reading and reading activities including sounds and tricky words in here. The expectation is for parents to record in the book at least 4 times a week.

**Outdoor Classroom:** Outdoor Classroom will continue every week on Fridays. If we ever need to change our plans for outdoor classroom because of special events, children should continue to come in non-uniform on Fridays. As we are in Summer please ensure your child has a sun hat, a waterproof coat and continue to bring in named wellies. Please put sun cream on first thing in the morning, prior to school.

**Tapestry Learning Journey:** As you are aware Tapestry Learning Journeys are updated at the beginning of each term. Thank you to parents who have added photos, videos, and comments about their child's learning. We have seen children reading, writing, dancing, singing, counting, growing and lots of holiday fun. If you are having trouble accessing Tapestry to view your child's learning please see Miss Croft.

**Junk Materials:** We are desperate for yogurt pots, cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls) and small sized boxes. Please ensure they are clean because the children use these to build models with.

### **Key dates for the spring term**

**Stay and Play:** Stay & Play sessions will continue this term. You are welcome to stay from 8.50am to 9.15am to join your child on a focused activity that help raise your awareness of how we are teaching in the Early Years, how your child is learning across the curriculum and how you can promote learning through play at home. This term will be running on a **Thursday** morning:

9<sup>th</sup> May                  23<sup>rd</sup> May                  13<sup>th</sup> June                  27<sup>th</sup> June                  11<sup>th</sup> July

On the first Stay & Play – **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – we will be showing parents our **Dance** we learnt for Dance Day.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April                  Paignton Zoo trip

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May                  Bank holiday

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May                  Reception Cake Sale

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May                  Half Term – 1 week

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June                  Cornerstone Topic Express Event – 9-9.30am

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July                  School Summer Fete

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July                  End of term

Thank you for your support,

Miss Croft, Mrs Katene & Mrs Hawkins