

## Early Years Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

As we are now in Summer 1, our school uniform can include a school summer dress or shorts. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled and that your child has a water bottle, with only water in, to drink whilst in school. There is always water available on the snack table throughout the day. We actively encourage all children to drink regularly. We ask that sun cream is applied at home before the children come to school and that all sun creams stay at home. It is extremely tricky for the children to apply sun cream themselves.

### **Mystery Reader**

Last week we had our first Early Years child as our mystery reader and this has prompted many of our children to want to share their favourite story with their peers. If your child would like to share a story, then chose a story with them and ask them to share it with you prior to reading it in front of the class. Please speak to Mrs Dodd to confirm your place. Remember it is a secret!

### **Our Learning this Week**

In phonics, both groups have been reviewing their existing sounds, tricky words and high frequency words each session. Mrs Morton/Mrs Richardson's group have been developing their understanding of CVCC words (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant). They have been looking at polysyllabic words and incorporating them into their sentence work. Mrs Dodd's group have worked on CVCC words within Phase 4 and developed their sentence work ensuring correct letter formation. We have been recording number sentences in our maths sessions and the children have worked very hard with their correct number formation.

### **Junk Modelling Materials**

Thank you for the boxes and tubes that have been coming into school this week the children have been very creative and made some adventurous models. Please continue to bring them into school, as we will always need the materials replacing.

### **Twitter**

Early Years are regularly tweeting "snapshots" of our day and exciting times and achievements. Please look as we are always super proud of our children and this is an excellent way for you to share this with us.

### **Next Week**

Mrs Morton/Mrs Richardson's group will continue to look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words using the letter sounds from Phase 2 and Phase 3, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. They will look at polysyllabic words and apply them in their phonics work. Mrs Dodd's group will continue to work on CVCC words within Phase 4; we will incorporate this in our sentence work each day. In maths, we will be working on 3D shapes and looking at their

properties. We will use the mathematical language associated with this. In our afternoon sessions, we will be sharing our love of stories and reading. The children enjoy this so much.

### **Stay and Play**

We will be hosting our regular half term Stay and Play on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 8.45 am - 10.00 am. The session will have a Royal Wedding theme with a special snack time for all children and parents.

### **Homework**

Thank you to all our families who regularly read with their children. All our children have shown progress and they have grown in confidence. We really appreciate your support and it allows the children to read fluently and gain confidence.

### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Stay and Play 5

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Half term - return to school Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Key Stage 1 and Early Years Sports Day at 1.30 pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Celebration Assembly 2.45 pm main hall.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June - School Summer Fair 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Forest Schools (details to follow)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Stay and Play 6

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Finish for the Summer holidays

**Mrs J Dodd**

**Mrs M Morton**

**Mrs Z Richardson**