

## **Early Year Unit: Reception Newsletter – Summer 1**

### **Welcome**

Thank you to everyone for your support last term and for the wonderful parents evening meetings. I hope you enjoyed seeing the progress that your children have made so far this year. It was great to show you how hard your children have been working. Thank you for attending our Easter session at the end of the term. It was lovely to see how many of you joined our celebrations.

Miss Wareing

### **Summer 1 Focus**

This terms learning will be centred around “Magical Minibeasts” The children will be exploring fictional and non-fictional books to help them learn about the different minibeasts and their habitats. We will also be learning about King Charles as we celebrate his Coronation. We will be holding a Coronation party in EYFS on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – More details to be sent out.



### **Phonics**

During this term, we will be focusing on phase 4 of the Little Wandle scheme. Your children will be learning how to read words with 2 or more digraphs and be introduced to a new set of high frequency words. Please visit our school website to get up-to-date information about phonics at Hazel Leys.

<https://www.hazelleysacademy.org/page/?title=Phonics&pid=219>



### **Literacy - Writing**

During this term we will continue to work with the children as they develop their own ideas for writing.



We will be continuing to expect the children to listen to sounds independently in order to try and write words that they want. We will also be looking for the children to use finger spaces and full stops in their sentences.

Our written work will be linked to the wide range of books that we share as a class, such as ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’, ‘Bug Hotel’ and ‘Mad about Minibeasts’.

In addition to this, children will continue with their daily pop sentences as we continue to develop our sentences structure focus.

### **Literacy - Reading**

Your child will continue to take part in 3 reading lessons a week where they will learn how to decode word, read with prosody and develop their comprehension. Books are changed weekly with the new book being sent home on a Friday after we have read it in school.

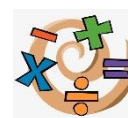


**Please read the book repeatedly** to help your child develop their confidence, fluency and comprehension. Don't forget to **write in their reading records** to let us know when they have been reading at home.

Your child will still choose a ‘Reading for Pleasure’ book to take home at the end of each week. This is a book to be shared with the adults at home. There is no expectation that they can read this book independently.

### **Maths**

We are continuing to look at how numbers are represented using our Magic Counting Stick. Each lesson will include counting strategies and subitising practice to develop the children's numerical fluency. This term our main focus will be on number bonds to 10. From this we will be moving on to look at number building and patterns in numbers beyond 10.



### **Communication and Language**

This term we will continue to retell stories in a variety of ways, ensuring that the children take on different roles. Children will be taught subject specific vocabulary so that they can use it accurately when talking about minibeasts.



We offer multiply, daily opportunities for the children to talk, share ideas and use new language in all areas of their learning.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This term, we are looking at building positive relationships with the people around us. This includes how to be a good friend, sharing and turn taking.



We will also be giving the children plenty of opportunities to work in a team, which allows them to practice their communication and compromising skills.

### **Physical Development**

We will be continuing to develop our fine motor skills through weekly fine motor provision and a weekly Get Squiggling session to strengthen body control, hand grip and pencil control.



Our **PE lessons** are still on a **Wednesday**. Please could all children attend school in their PE kit.

Children need to have an Academy PE t-shirt, shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings depending on the weather and an Academy Jumper. All children must be wearing trainers. Please also ensure they **do not wear any jewellery and that long hair is tied back**.

### **Understanding the World**

This term we will be learning about minibeasts and their habits, from gardens to ponds and woodlands to flowers. The children will also be planting fruit/veg in our gardening area and explore how to care for the environment.



We will be taking part in the Coronation celebrations and learning about why it is such an important part of history.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be making lots of artwork that link to our minibeast stories, including painting minibeasts, making bug hotels and using materials to make different animals. We will also be creating decorations for our Coronation celebrations.



The children will have a range of role play opportunities so they can experience real life jobs that involve the environment.

### **Helping your child learn at home**

- **Daily** reading using your child's school reading book and 'Reading for Pleasure' book.
- Encourage your child to complete their weekly POP sentences.
- Encourage your child to practice reading and writing high frequency words.



### **Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities.



### Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



### Class information

**Class Teacher:** Miss Wareing

**Teaching Assistants:** Miss Stocker and Mrs Clough



Please could all children arrive at school by 8:55am as learning starts promptly at this time. The gate by the classroom is open from 8:45am and will be closed at 8:55am. Children who are late miss out on the start of our daily learning and disturb the children who have arrived on time.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you do not put anything in that contains nuts and to make it a healthy selection of food.

### Family Fridays

Thank you for those who have been attending our Family Friday sessions, we hope they have been enjoyable. For the Summer term, we will continue to offer this but will be reducing this to every other Friday, rather than weekly. The session time will still be 8:30-8:45am so please let a member of staff know when you would like to sign up.

Thank you for your support with this.

### Dates for the diary!



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – **School reopens to pupils**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Earth Day



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May- **Bank Holiday**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May – EYFS Coronation Party – Parents invited

May 2023- KS1 SATs

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – **Bank Holiday Coronation for King Charles III**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May- Year 6 SATs Week

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Bike to school day

W/B 17<sup>th</sup> May Bike to school week

W/B 20<sup>th</sup> May – Walk to school week

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – **School closes to pupils for Half Term**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Teacher Training Day