



Hilderthorpe Reception Newsletter

Summer One



This Half Term

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break, we are very excited for the half term ahead!

This half term our topic is 'Seaside Adventures'.

We love to read and share books every day. We will be exploring language rich, exciting texts with the children such as What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside, Captain Cat and the Treasure Map, Pirates Love Underpants and Julia Donaldson's Sharing a Shell. If you have any resources that you feel will enhance our learning, please let your class teacher know.

We will be spending time exploring a new book each week. We discuss key facts about books and features including the title, the roles of the author and the illustrator, the blurb, contents pages and making predictions about events. We enjoy having conversations about the books we have read- encouraging children to make observations and give their opinions and feelings.

Children will continue to develop and make progress in their early literacy skills through our daily phonics sessions using our scheme- Read Write Inc. You can find more information about our phonics programme at www.ruthmiskin.com/en/ and click on the parents tab, here you will find lots of useful information on how you can support your child's learning at home. Please practise speed sounds daily using the little green sound book in your child's book bag. Some children now have a yellow one too- for those moving onto Set 2 Speed Sounds. Your child comes home with a sound of the day sticker and you can support your child by practising reading and writing this sound on its own or in words.

We will be continuing to develop our maths skills using Maths No Problem and Mastering Number. These are fun and exciting ways of learning which include lots of stories and hands-on activities. This half term we are learning about counting to 20, halving, doubling and sharing.

We have Pets at Home coming to visit on Monday 28th April. Children will have an opportunity to handle and learn how to care for a number of small animals.

As part of our seaside adventures topic we will be completing pirate challenges, testing materials to see if they float or sink and if they are waterproof, making telescopes and treasure maps and going on treasure hunts to develop our language linked to position and direction.

Term Dates

School closes for half term on Friday 23rd May at 3.20pm and reopens on Monday the 3rd of June.

School is closed for the day on Monday 5th of May for the Bank Holiday

Warm and named clothing

We like to spend time learning outdoors and access our outdoor environment in all weathers.

Please can children ensure they have a set of spare clothes, a waterproof coat and a pair of named wellies.

Reading at home

Please share stories with your child and read their school reading book with them at least 3 times a week.

Every time your child gets a home read signed by you in their reading record they receive a dojo allowing them to work towards receiving a prize from the prize shop.

Our classroom doors are always open to our parents, carers and families and we are always available to talk should you have any queries or support needs, please feel free to approach any of our school team.

Reminders

- PE day remains the same this half term. PE will still be on a Friday- children should come to school in their PE kit every Friday.
- Book bags should be in school every day to allow reading and changing as required, thank you.
- Library books are changed on a Tuesday- please make sure Library books are in book bags on a Tuesday.

