

# Reception Class Newsletter

This term we will be asking "Who goes to the ugly bug ball?"

## Understanding of the world

We will learn about the location of animals and how their features relate to their environment. We will find out about the life cycle of butterflies, frogs and animals from around the world in hot and cold climates.



This term we will do "Show and Tell" where children may bring one item per week to talk about to the class. Our theme will be animals. Children can bring a photograph, leaflet, printed information, toy animal and tell the class what they know about its environment, feeding habits, name of its young etc. Please encourage your children to think of some good questions that they could ask during "Show and tell."

## Literacy

We will read stories about animals from around the World and use non-fiction books to find information about different creatures.

We will write instructions on how to build a happy home for a bug, make information books, and write "Who am I" animal riddles.

As always children will be encouraged to use their knowledge of sounds and key words when writing. Please encourage and praise all children's efforts at listening for sounds and independent writing at home.

## Reading

We will be finding information from simple non-fiction books. We will be learning how to use a contents page and index.

Children can bring in any non-fiction books to share with the class. Please label clearly with your child's name.

## Maths

We will compare weights and capacity of objects and learn to describe and name 3-D shapes – cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, cone.

We will learn about doubling, halving and sharing. Children will need to understand the relationship between doubles and halves e.g. double 4 is 8 and half of 8 is 4 etc.

Our Learn-Its are  $2+1=3$ ;  $2+3=5$  and all doubles. For those who are confident with these we will begin to learn number bonds to 10 e.g.  $8+2$ ,  $7+3$ ,  $6+4$ ,  $9+1$ ,  $10+0$  etc.

Please practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.



Handwriting – we will be working hard this term to ensure that handwriting is presented beautifully. Children will learn that tall letters stretch to the sky, short letters stay in the grass and some letters dig underground. Please see sheet which will come home in folders for more information.

## Phonics

We will also continue to work on the diagraphs – th, ng, ai, ee, oa, oi, ai, ou, er, ar. Trigraphs: air, ear, ure, igh.

We will also practice blending two consonants eg: st, nd, fl, nk, mp etc All children need to ensure that they are using these sounds correctly in their writing.

Our Class assembly will take place at 9.10 am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

A huge thank you for the overwhelming response to 'Stay and Play'. We are delighted that it has been such a success – thank you. Dates for this term are:

Fridays 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June

We are planning to visit Smithills Open farm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow.

PE Tuesday and Friday.

RE We will learn the Lord's Prayer.

We will learn about the story of Noah's Ark.

WE will learn about special times – e.g. baptism, weddings and about friendship