

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Term Six

We can't believe we have already reached the final term of the school year. What a wonderful year we have had with your children – we have made so many memories and we're so proud of how far they have all come! We will hold parent meetings towards the end of the term to discuss your child's report and celebrate their achievements (more information to follow).

What the ladybird heard!



Our topic this term will be about different animals and their environments. We will start our topic by learning about farm animals, then moving on to comparisons between wild animals and pets. We will also be exploring extinct and nocturnal animals, as well as minibeasts.

Watching animal documentaries from National Geographic will help spark your child's interest in different animals, as well as observing nature and wildlife in the local environment.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Maths

A HUGE well done to the children for trying hard with their number challenge over the half term! We are practising recognising numbers to 20 and beyond and we'll also be learning to write the numbers.

We have been reading numbers and trying to find out what number comes before, and what number comes after!

At home, you can support your child by practising counting forwards and backwards to and from 20, starting at different places to help your child recall one more and one less than a number.

Literacy

We have come so far in our writing! It's wonderful to see the children using their writing skills with more independence and enjoyment.

Our daily handwriting sessions support the children in developing the fine motor skills needed to gain an effective pencil grip and form letters correctly.

For reading, we will be reading non-fiction books again in order to find out about different insects and animals. We will be writing some of the facts we learn in our own fact files!

Phonics

The children have lots to feel proud of this year – it has been great to see them progress in their phonics and reading!

We have been practising "Fred in your head" in our phonics lessons, where we try reading a word by sounding it out in our head rather than out loud, and then saying what the word is. Look out for your child trying this in their reading ☺

When reading sentences, although most words can be "sounded-out", there are many which can't, therefore need to be read on sight from memory. Please continue to practise the key words on your child's reading record so that they build up their sight vocabulary quicker, which will help them gain understanding from the sentences they are reading.

www.ruthmiskin.com/en/read-write-inc-programmes

General Notices

This term, we will be having Pet Week beginning 2nd July. If you or a family member has a pet you feel would be happy to meet your child's class, please sign up with your child's class teacher nearer the time – we would love to meet them! ☺

We spend a lot of time outdoors, so all children will need to come to school with a sunhat and sun cream already applied. We advise that your child brings named sun cream with them to school so that they can re-apply during the day - please teach your child how to apply sun cream independently. Our British weather means we can expect random downpours at any time, so a named waterproof coat kept at school would be greatly appreciated!

Your child has started spending time with their current class teachers in the year one classrooms on a Friday afternoon, in order to get to know the year one environment. Throughout the term, there will be a number of opportunities for your child to meet their new class teacher – more information to follow.

We will be practising for Sports Day on various days of the week, therefore please ensure your child is prepared for PE by removing any earrings **every day**, and providing your child with a named PE kit that they can keep on their peg for the term.

Sports Day will be on **Thursday 28th June** 9:00-10:00. You will be informed if your child has been chosen for the whole school relay race, which is at 2:20pm. A letter has gone home asking what your child's sibling(s) house team is. If applicable, please send back the letter as soon as possible, so that we can allocate your child the same team. We will then let you know on Wednesday what colour house team your child is in. If they have one, your child can wear a top the same colour as their house team. Please don't worry if this is not possible; their white top is fine and we will give them a colour sticker ☺.

A polite reminder that we are a **nut-free school**. We have severe allergies in school, therefore please keep this in mind when organising healthy packed lunches/snacks for your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please help your child understand the meaning of these words and say them in a sentence:

before
after nocturnal
 habitat extinct
beginning/middle/end insect
fiction/non-fiction seasons
 months of the year
days of the week

Dates for your diary:

5.6.18 – First day of Term 6 (Staff development day on the 4th)

14.6.18 – History Day (celebrating 50 years of Parkwood!)

21.6.18 – Trip to Godstone Farm ☺

28.6.18 – Sports Day (9:00-10:00am)

2.7.18 – Pet Week

7.7.18 – Summer Faye

20.7.18 – Last day

We have loved hearing about your child's wow moments! Remember to write a WOW for our Wow Window so we can celebrate them in school. You are able to send in photos for your wow moments should you wish to at:

parkwoodfoundationstage@gmail.com

