



Fen Ditton C. P. School

Summer 1 2017 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now well into our Summer Term and the children are showing great independent learning in all areas. They are also beginning to work together as a team, just like real Super Heroes! Penguin's class have also settled well into their reading, writing and mathematics, which is particularly difficult when one is 4 and 5 years old! The continued efforts of home and school working together are having a very positive effect, enabling good progression for all the children as they complete the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile.



This half term our focus is on Super Heroes and Real-life Heroes!

Please see our Half-termly Planner to let you know what our learning is for Summer 1. As we are finding out about real-life heroes, if you are one, (mums, chef's, refuse collectors, vets, doctors, solicitors - really, Super Heroes are all around us!), please let us know, and we can arrange for you to come and talk to the children - they do love visitors!

Change of clothes:

Thank you to those parents who have remembered to send in a named change of clothes for their child/ren; these are invaluable for the occasional 'accident' and if they get a little wet! Coats and wellies are also crucial for the rainy spring and summer months as in our climate there will always be cold and wet days! Please also send in a named, water bottle as the children do get very thirsty - learning is such hard work!



PE:

PE will continue to be on Tuesdays. It is vital that all items of clothing, including shoes, are named so that the children can tell which clothes are theirs. Even with names in it can be quite tricky reuniting children and items of clothing! We will be going outside on good-weather days as we are learning about ball skills, so please can trainers be included in the children's kit, alongside some warmer items, such as sweatshirt and jogging bottoms? Thank you!

Reading:

Reading groups are well established and most children are now using their knowledge of phonics to read independently. Please look at the communication in the Reading Record which will inform you of the day your child reads and what you both need to do for the next session. We are very impressed with the progress the children are making, particularly those who have been practising their reading at home. It is expected that the children will spend approximately 20 minutes a day going over grapheme/phonemes, new words and their new books, as per information already handed out. We have further copies of this if you require one, please just ask!

To keep the communication flowing and the reading resources handy, please keep them altogether together in the book bags and bring them in every day. Thank you! 😊



Maths:

Children in Reception need to know all their numbers to 20, both the numeral and quantity. If your child would like further help/practice to make sure that this is achieved, please ask either Mrs Rogan or Mrs Hackett for some help. This half-term we are learning about taking away making less, capacity, weight and time.

Please talk to your children about containers being full, half full or empty, objects being heavy or light, and what happens at different times during the day, such as breakfast, teatime and bedtime. Playing in the bath or at the sink with containers, feeling the difference in weight of a variety of shopping items, and talking about 'time' will help their understanding.

Parent Volunteers:

We are always happy for help/support in Penguins, so if you would like to share a skill, or have a little time for jobs, etc. please let us know because you would be very valued! Please speak to Mrs Rogan or Mrs Hackett who will be happy to arrange times for you to join us. 😊

Summer Educational Visit:

Our summer visit this year will be to Hinchbrooke Country Park on 21st June 2017, where we will be taking part in some very exciting activities, such as pond-dipping, den-making, nature collages and minibeast hunting! This will complement our Summer 2's learning, and we will be sending home further information shortly.

Any other Business!

If there is anything you feel you would like to talk about regarding your child/ren, please do not hesitate to arrange a chat. We are here to help if we can!

Kind regards,



Mrs Hackett (Area Leader) and Mrs Rogan