

April 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term! We will be as busy as ever and look forward to another happy term with your children.

When we return at the end of April our topic will be Minibeasts with a particular focus on earthworms! As with our Monkey Puzzle work there is an element of mystery to the beginning of our learning so we would be grateful if you would not share our focus with your children too soon. This will involve a lot of time exploring and having fun outdoors. Once again, the seven areas of learning will be covered through this topic. On 23rd May we will be visited by Zoolab and after half term we will be celebrating all things Minibeasts with a special Minibeast Activity Day.

In Literacy we will be exploring writing for different purposes once again. This will include cards, letters, lists, labels and posters. As always we will be listening to a variety of stories and encouraging the children to make up their own. As well as being written down, these stories could be told orally this might be something that you would enjoy doing at home. As in previous terms the children will be applying their phonic knowledge in reading and writing and we will continue regular phonic practise throughout the week.

In Maths we will be continuing to develop and apply our number skills, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, solving problems using doubling, halving and sharing and counting on and back from any given number. There will be lots of practical activities involving pattern and shape as well as measuring and comparing length, height, weight and capacity.

In addition to all this learning we will be preparing for our Reception Assembly to which you are all invited on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Our value for this term is Patience and our thinking skill is Persistence and these will continue to be incorporated into our everyday activities and learning.

This term Reception S will be doing PE on a Thursday afternoon and will not need to come into school in their PE kit on a Monday morning. However, Reception F and Reception H children will need to come to school in their games kit as they will have their PE lesson first thing on a Monday morning. Please bring uniform in a drawstring bag.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do speak to us at any time.

Kind regards

**Reception Staff**