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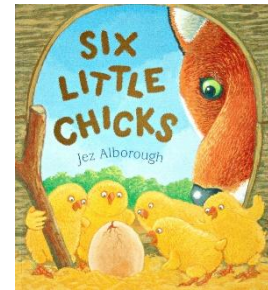
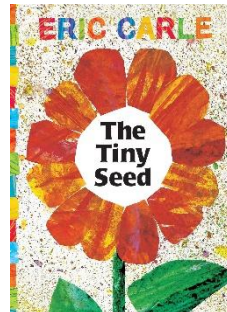


Early Years Newsletter Summer 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone and we hope that you had a lovely Easter, enjoyed all that lovely chocolate and now are ready to begin our Summer Learning Adventure. It's the final term of your child's first year of school!

This half term we are learning about Life Cycles and Growing. We will be doing several growing projects and we have eggs arriving on Monday 11th May. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to witness chicks hatching and how we care for them. We start the term looking at the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk' then moving onto 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. There are links on the website to these stories of you wish to watch them at home.



Phonics

For this half term we will be focussing on the following letter sounds:

Phase 4 - Consolidation and application of Phases 2 and 3 in both reading and writing

Short Vowels and Longer words

Compound words

Words ending in ing, ed, and est

You will hopefully hear your child talking about digraphs and trigraphs - 3 letters making 1 sound - clear = c | ear. We will also be looking at the consonant blends too such as fr, bl, tr and cr.

twisting

helper

spoilt

smartest

jumper

street

greenest

sleeping

screen

softest

crowding

trainer

Reading

The children have been participating in Guided Reading sessions 3 times a week. This requires them to read a group text with an adult focusing on Decoding in Session 1, Fluency and Expression in Session 2 and Comprehension and Understanding in Session 3. They also get a Love to Read book which they will be able to share with you and read some words as well as a library book which is completely their own choice for reading for pleasure. We are still giving out reading certificates each time they reach a milestone that has been recorded in their reading diary so keep it up. Some children have already received their 200 reads now!



Library

We will continue to be visiting the library on use the same system to give the children a book they have chosen from our selection of library books, to share with you at home. We recommend storing their library book in their book bags so that they never forget it. We will give out a new book on a **Tuesday** and you will have these for a week.



Uniform



The children look amazing in their school uniform and we are looking forward to seeing some summer dresses and shorts in the near future if only the weather and temperature will allow this. If you have any uniform that we have lent you after an accident etc., please can you make sure it is returned to school as we are running very low. Also, if you have any uniform that your child has grown out of that you wish to donate, we will happily accept this.

PE

The children have been doing gymnastics in the hall for the last half term and have excelled at this form of more structured PE. They produced some fantastic sequences and they even got to get the apparatus out which was very exciting indeed. They will still need to **be in PE kit on a Friday**. They can come into school wearing their trainers, jogging bottoms, their coloured PE T-shirt and their **school jumper or cardigan** on this day.

Hats and Sun Cream

We are hoping that the weather is going to get lovely and warm over this half term.

Please remember to send your child in with a named hat and please apply an 8-hour sun cream before they come to school in the morning as we are not allowed to apply it ourselves.



Sports Morning

Our annual sports morning will be on **Tuesday 19th May**. The children will come to school wearing their PE kit. Families are welcome to join us over the field from 9am to watch your children take part in their colour teams. The event usually finishes around 11am when children return to school with their class teachers. More information to follow in our weekly newsletters.



Donations

We are looking to update our provision outside with some more bikes with stabilisers and helmets. If you have any that your child has outgrown (and are still in working order), then please get in touch with us. We are also on the lookout for old treasures to create exciting opportunities in the early years. Here is a list of items we would happily take of your hands for our classes to use:

- Wicker Baskets
- Wooden cooking utensils
- Old style weighing scales
- Old Cameras
- Hats, Bags, Scarves for home corners
- China cups and plates
- Egg Cups
- Metal teapots
- Unique wooden boxes and trinkets
- Crates
- Shells
- Pots and Pans
- Puppets
- Old radios



Thank you so much for your support as always.

Mrs Dickinson, Miss Hiseman and the Early Years Team.