



Year R *Bushmead Primary School*

Summer term 1 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Value for April is FORGIVENESS

Our well-being theme this half term is MINDFULNESS

Welcome to the summer term. It is hard to believe that we are in our final term of Reception already! We hope that all of our families had a lovely Easter holidays and a well deserved rest.

This half term we will be learning all about **ANIMALS**. We will be reading '**Rosie's Walk**' and thinking about describing and prepositional language. We will be having our **visit from the farm** and will have the opportunity to learn about different animals and help to feed and pet them. The children always thoroughly enjoy this visit. We shall then be writing about what we have found out and enjoyed. We shall also be looking at **maps** and finding out about **different animals around the world** and creating fact files about our favourite ones.

Reading continues to be a central part of all we do. Each day we have our **Phonics** lessons and are now looking at using our chunking skills to read longer words. During our weekly guided reading sessions we will build on our childrens' confidence to read with expression (prosody) and talk about what they have read with understanding (comprehension).

In Maths we shall be looking at **length** and focusing on comparing lengths, height and time. We shall be looking at the **composition of numbers 9 and 10**. Later on, we will focus on describing and making simple **3D shapes**.

Reading at home and Homework

Thank you to all of our parents that support their child with reading regularly at home and completing the homework tasks. **However, there is still a concerning number of children who are not reading at home each week or completing the additional activity set. This has to improve.**

Homework tasks are not optional and ALL children are expected to complete them each week.

- **Read at least 3 times a week to an adult-** if there is no comment for each book in the Reading Record, we will assume your child has not read.
- **Daily Phonics practise**
- **Maths Activity-** shared with you via ClassDojo and work is to be returned to class teachers via your child's profile on the app.
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Dates and Events

APRIL

Monday 15th	Summer 1 term starts
Friday 19th	Eid non uniform day
Monday 22nd	Sponsored 'Tortoise and hare hop/crawl'.

MAY

Monday 6th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th	Farm visiting school
Monday 13th	Mental Health Week
Wednesday 15th	National Numeracy Day
Thursday 16th	Outdoor Learning Day
Friday 24th May	Last day of term

JUNE

Monday 3rd	INSET day for staff
Tuesday 4th	Summer 2 term begins

Curriculum Overview

English

- ★ To learn facts about animals from non fiction texts and stories.
- ★ To write simple sentences about what they have learnt.
- ★ To listen to stories, make predictions and talk about what they have heard.
- ★ To continue to consolidate their phonetic understanding, begin to read longer words and apply this to writing.

Maths

- ★ To learn about the composition of numbers 9 and 10.
- ★ To investigate 'whole' numbers being made of 'parts' and number bonds.
- ★ To compare different lengths of objects; heights and time.
- ★ To describe the properties of simple 3D shapes.

Skills

- ★ To learn about different kinds of animals from around the world.
- ★ To investigate maps.
- ★ To learn about different animals and how to look after them.

- ★ To use our creative skills to make careful observational drawings.

Music

- ★ To continue to practise and perform songs.
- ★ To use simple percussion instruments and follow a rhythm.

PE

- ★ To learn to throw, catch and trap a ball.
- ★ To take part in team games cooperatively and follow rules.

**Best wishes,
The Reception Team**

Our Vision:

**At Bushmead, children are empowered to be active, confident learners where
they are inspired to be creative and excel.**

