



Year R Newsletter Summer 2 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you back after the holidays and into the last half term of the Reception year. It is a particularly busy half term, where a lot of time is spent preparing the children for their transition into Year 1. However, there is lots of fun to be had with sports days, graduation and the teddy bears' picnic. This half term we are going to be focusing on our garden and growing area; we welcome any donations such as soil, plants, pots etc.

Notes and KEY dates for your diary

Key Dates

- **Loud and Proud Mufti day- Friday 16th June-** Come to school in your brightest colours!
- **Robin Class Assembly- Thursday 29th June- 9.05am School hall-** Robin parents/families welcome to watch.
- **Wren Class Assembly- Thursday 13th July- 9.05am School hall-** Wren parents/families welcome to watch.
- **Friday 23rd June- School inset day- School closed to pupils.**
- **Reception Graduation- Monday 17th July 9.15am** See letter for more information.
- **Sports day- Thursday 22nd June 9.30am** See letter for more information.
- **Dance festival- Tuesday 4th July-** More information to follow.
- **Yr 1-6 Sports day- Wednesday 21st June- 9.30am** - We would like to attend and cheer on our friends and siblings. We will need help getting to and from the Arena on Albert Road. If you are able to support us, please let the class teachers know.
- **Class Swap Day- Friday 30th June-** Robin and Wren class will be spending the day in year 1 with their new class teachers. More information on this day will be sent home close to the time.
- **Teddy Bears' Picnic- Friday 30th June- 12.00pm-1.00pm-** See letter for more information.
- **Last day of term Thursday 20th July**

Please ensure that your child is wearing sun cream before they come to school in the hot weather. Children should also be bringing a water bottle that is clearly labelled and a sun hat to school daily. The children's shoes **MUST** be closed toe, even in the hot weather, due to health and safety.

Attendance Percentages for Reception

The first few years are probably the most important education that your child will ever receive. All the building blocks for the rest of their education are started in these early years. As an Academy we have a very strict attendance policy with every child having an attendance target of 97.5%.

Robin: 94.11%

Wren: 94.4%

Target: 97.5%

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this half term, the children are working on the transition to Year 1. Children will be directed to the different areas of learning before free flow activities, which means that in their learning lab time the children rotate around the different areas of the classroom including the literacy, maths, creative and small world area. The children will also be talking through what to expect in Year one and any concerns or questions they may have.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we are excited to get started with our sports theme to gear up for sports day! The children will be designing their very own team t-shirts using a range of colours and materials. As well as this, the children will continue to have access to the creative and music areas to freely express themselves in their own creative way.

Understanding the World

This half term the children will be focusing on The World and how we can take care of it. These two exciting topics will allow the children to explore the world around them and to discuss each other's likes and dislikes. Focusing on transition, the children will have the opportunity to talk about their thoughts of moving up to Year 1. The children will also be continuing to use the iPads to interact with age-appropriate programs and games.

Reception Team

Robin Class

Teacher: Mrs Carew

TAs: Miss Prosper, Miss Venus, Ms Muhurthan

Wren Class

Teacher: Mrs Saftoiu

Mathematics

We will take this opportunity to recap all of the mathematical topics that we have covered over the year. This will include re-visiting time, money, weight and capacity. We will also be working hard making sure that the children have the confidence when going into Year 1 and working independently with these topics.

Communication and Language

We will continue to use talk partners as a way for the children to develop their speech and understanding. We are extending the children's language skills by asking them to explain further with their answers and opinions.

I've learnt
about things
that grow on
our planet; now
how can I take
care of it all?



Literacy

The children are continuing to progress with their reading in their Book Wings groups. We have been focusing on learning how to spell the Reception high frequency words, such as they, my and like. The children are showing great improvement in their writing. We ask that you please encourage your child to write at home as much as possible to help build up their stamina for writing for starting Year 1. At this time of year, the children perform best when they are encouraged by school and home.

Physical Development

Wren and Robin's PE continues to be on a Friday. In the first few weeks, the children will be preparing for their sports day. They shall be continuing their P.E sessions focussing on the theme of different techniques needed in sport. In class we will be celebrating healthy living week. There will be exciting creative activities to promote healthy living such as making fresh fruits salads, smoothies and exploring fun ways to stay fit.

We will be continuing to place a big emphasis on letter formation and the children's presentation. We will be providing the children with a range of fine motor tasks throughout the half term, to support this.