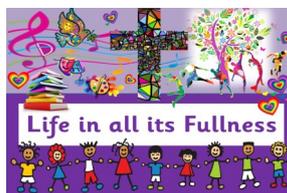


Reception



Newsletter



Hello and welcome to the Summer Term edition of our Reception Newsletter.

We had a very busy Spring Term and learnt lots during our Fantasy and Adventure topic. We read a variety of stories and even had a go at writing our own adventure stories. The children looked fabulous in their superhero costumes for our superhero dress up day to mark the end of our topic.

To support our new topic 'Our Amazing World', we encourage you and your child to explore the world around you. Visit some new places, go for a walk to some of the beautiful places that we are fortunate to live near such as the Waseley Hills, Ballams Wood. Look out for new things that are growing and things that are changing as we go into the summer season. Encourage your children to look after the world. Why not try recycling and reusing materials, make a bug hotel, plant some seeds to help your children understand how to care for plants and enjoy looking around for amazing things that surround us. Please share your experiences with us by sending in photos, drawings, etc.

Open Evening

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the last parents evening. The children really do appreciate you coming into school to look at all their hard work. **Our next opening evening is Wednesday 22nd May 3.10-5.00pm.** We would love it if every child could share their work with an adult. Let's see if we can get

Don't forget to check out our school website. This is continually updated. You will find all the latest information as well as photographs that will give you a feel for life at Holly Hill.

Please help to keep our school safe.

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of pedestrians and the risk of damage to cars at the beginning and end of the school day. If you drive to school please park well away from the school building and make sure that you drive slowly and safely at all times.

Homework

Reading together is really important. Please remember we expect children to read their reading books and words with you every night at home.



Books will continue to be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The new homework tasks will be sent out during the first week of term and will be collected in before the half term break. Well done to everyone who completed 3 or more of the activities last term. You should be very proud of your certificate. Hopefully we will be able to give out even more rewards this term for completed and well presented tasks. Thank you for working with us to enable your child to reach their full potential.

PE Kits



PE takes place at least once a week. **Please make sure that a FULL PE kit is kept in school at all times. Label each item of clothing with your child's name.** Please note that a lot of time is spent trying to find owners of unnamed PE kit which is wasted learning time. **We will hopefully be doing more PE lessons outdoors as the weather improved. Please ensure that your child has pumps in their PE bag with their name written inside.**

Attendance

Reception attendance from September to the end of Spring 2 was 92.2%. Good attendance is 96%. Poor attendance disadvantages a child's learning and can affect their ability to sustain friendships. **Please help your child to get the most out of their education by bringing them to school every day, on time.**

Tuesday 14th May— Dodford Farm trip
Wednesday 22nd May—Open afternoon 3:10-5pm

Wednesday 22nd May— Cedar Class Assembly

Wednesday 3rd July - TBC—Transition Day

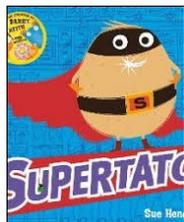
Tuesday 9th July— Willow Class assembly

Wednesday 10th July— Holly Hills Got Talent

Wednesday 17th July—Sports day

Thursday 18th July—End of term



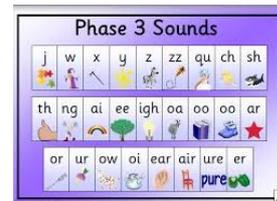


Our Amazing World

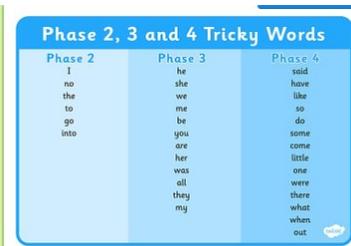
Our topic this term is **Our Amazing World** We will be using stories and experiences to find out about the world that we live in.

We will be thinking about what we see in our world and how to look after our world. We will be learning about growth and change.

In **phonics** the children will continue to learn the remaining Phase 3 phonemes and digraphs. Before moving onto Phase 4 where we will be learning consonant blends and clusters. We will continue to read and write simple sentences. The children will continue to practise reading and spelling the Phase 3 tricky words and learn the Phase 4 tricky words too.



Please continue to support us by reading these at home every night. You will find all of these in the packs that were sent home before the Easter Holiday. Please check your child's book bag if you haven't seen them.



In **Maths** we will be solving problems. We will be exploring numbers practically through doubling, halving and sharing. We will continue to add and subtract, order and recognise numbers to up 20. We will be exploring measure including capacity where we shall be filling containers and using related vocabulary such as full, empty, half full. We will also be using time and money to complete different challenges. We will learn how we can use money to buy things and how we can measure periods of time by counting, using timers and stop watches.

Our Christian Values underpin all that we do. The children will be taught our values in the following ways this half term:

Respect: The children will learn how to show respect to each other and to their environment. We will learn about the wider world and how we can look after it. Through stories we will learn how Jesus treated everybody with respect and how he taught others to be respectful.

Tolerance: The children will learn about acceptance and how to tolerate different feelings and beliefs. Through stories from the bible they will learn how Jesus showed tolerance and accepted everybody.

Hope: The children will learn about hope through stories and a range of activities. The children will hope for new plants to grow. During RE they will plant seeds and learn how to take care of them and help them to grow. This will help them to show respect for their world. They will also learn about having hope when things are hard.

Love: The children will learn how we can love other creatures in our world and that it is our job to look after them. The children will learn about how Jesus loved everybody and will learn how he showed this love.