



Summercroft

Reception

February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've had an enjoyable half-term break and your child is re-energised ready for another busy half-term! Please remember to update your tapestry account with any photos and messages about the children's half-term memories and achievements so that we can share these with the class over the coming weeks.



THIS HALF TERM

We will begin this half term by looking at the topic 'Space'. This theme will be covered using the texts 'Aliens love underpants!' by Claire Freedman, 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. All of the children's learning opportunities and experiences will be closely linked to the early year's curriculum. Learning experiences will include: making 2D shape rockets, painting their own aliens and describing them, matching numeral and quantity, exploring different materials and their properties, talking about the planets with the awe and wonder of space! Other topics and areas of learning will include traditional tales and others linked to the children's interests shown during their child initiated play.



FOREST SCHOOL

This half term the children will be continuing to develop their resilience, self-esteem and team building through a variety of games. We will also be looking at the early signs of spring and developing the skill of tying knots to join natural materials together. We still have a few children who do not have waterproofs in school. Please can you ensure your child has these as we go outside in **all** weathers!

MUMMY AND ME AFTERNOON

On Wednesday 25th March, we will be holding our 'Mummy and Me' afternoon in the Key Stage 1 hall. This is an opportunity for the children to celebrate Mother's Day with you. If you are not able to attend, then a Nanny or special person is *more* than welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing you at this event and spoiling you!



How to support your child at home



- Listening to your child read regularly and reading to them
- Recognising and ordering numbers up to 20
- Practical addition and subtraction problems e.g. I have 10 apples and I eat 3, how many are left?
- Writing simple sentences using their known phonics.
- Making words using magnetic letters / letter cards
- Reading the tricky words – he, she, me, we, be, was, my, the
- Hungry Little Minds website – fun activities for children from birth to 5 years old



Useful Apps

- Beebot App
- Daisy Dinosaur
- Number Train
- Cbeebies
- Mr Thorne does Phonics
- Numberblocks
- Alphablocks
- Hairy letters



School Starts_	Monday 24 th February 2020
World Book Day	5 th March 2020 – come dressed up as a word*
Red Nose Day	Friday 13 th March 2020*
Parent Consultations	Monday 16 th and Wednesday 18 th March 2020*
Marvellous Mummy Afternoon	Wednesday 25 th March 2020 at 2pm in your child's classroom
End of Term	Friday 3 rd April at 1.15pm
Summer Term begins	Tuesday 21 st April at 8.50am
*further information to follow	

FINALLY

We hope your child has a fun half term learning through our topics and that they come home full of talk about what they have been doing! Remember the most important thing is that your child is happy and having fun at school. We are always here if you need to talk to us.

Many thanks,

Mrs Bugg and Miss Woodhouse

