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Dear Parents,

We hope that you all had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed some special time together with family and friends. We look forward to starting Term 5 and watching the children grow and learn even more.

Reception Summer curriculum

This term our topic is called 'How does your garden grow?' where we will be exploring lots of plants and growth. In Term 6, our topic will be 'All creatures great and small' where we be focusing on animals of all shapes and sizes. Please visit our Google Classroom to find the full Knowledge Organisers that we have created for each topic outlining exactly what your child will be learning.

English

The children will be exploring their topic through a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts including: Farmer Duck, Jack and the Beanstalk and some non-fiction writing about plants and how they grow. We will also be moving forward in our Little Wandle phonics scheme where the children will be reading and writing a variety of longer words and learning a new range of tricky words. We will be encouraging children to read and write simple sentences independently.

Mathematics

The children will learn how to make numbers in different ways with a particular focus on numbers 9 and 10. We will be looking at the number bonds to ten. Children will also explore different units of measure: including length, height, time and money. We will continue to practice our counting skills daily.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)

This term, we will be exploring 'Rights and Respect' in our circle time lessons. We will be looking at how we can take responsibility for our environments, both inside and outside. We will be using the Michael Recycle story to help us with this learning. We will also be looking at how we can look after the people around us, make them feel positive and show them respect.

What homework to expect and when

Children will continue to receive one piece of Maths and one piece of Phonics homework every Friday. These are to be completed by the following Thursday. We do not need the paper copies of the homework back, as photos and videos of homework being completed should be submitted to Evidence Me. Please let us know how your child gets on with their homework in the notes section on Evidence Me.

Children will also continue to bring home a phonics reading book and a book from our class library for them to share with you. Please can you make sure that they are practising their phonics reading books each day.

Evidence Me:

We have really enjoyed reading and sharing in class observations from home. The children get a real buzz out of showing their friends what they do. Please continue to take an active role in contributing to your child's observation portfolio by uploading your own observations. These could be of things that your child has practised at home, skills they have learnt, trips or outings you have been on as a family, or just anything exciting that you want to share! Some examples of observations we have seen are cooking, riding a bike without stabilisers for the first time, visiting the dentist, arts and crafts at home and lots of lovely family outings.

PE days:

Our regular PE slot will continue to be on a Thursday morning. We hope to be outside more often in the nicer weather, so please make sure that your child has an appropriate PE kit in school every week. PE uniform is a navy short/joggers and a plain white T-shirt. The children will also need a pair of trainers.

Term 5 will see the Owls return to Forest School with Mrs Bytyci. We are hopeful that the weather will start to improve, but please still send the children appropriately dressed for each session. Please refer back to the initial letter informing you of the appropriate layers to wear in the different weather conditions. Doves will have more sessions in Term 6. More information will be sent to parents around the timings for this.

Sports day will be taking place in Term 6. This will be an event that takes place in school time and Reception will be joining Nursery to take part in sporting games and challenges. Early Years Sports day is not open to the parents, but we will be taking lots of photos of your children on this day for you to see.

Spare Clothes

It would be really useful if every child has a spare set of uniform (especially underwear) in school just in case. Please make sure that these clothes are also clearly named. Additionally, if you have had any spares that your child has borrowed from school, please could we ask that they are returned in case they are used in the future.

Sunhats, sun cream and water:

As the weather warms up over the next few weeks, we would like to ask that your child comes to school with a named sunhat. It would be helpful if you could also put sun cream on your child before they start school on warmer days. If you are sending them in with their sun cream bottle, please ensure that it is clearly named. The bottles will be kept in the teacher's cupboards at school for use when needed. We would also remind you that we encourage the children to be bringing in a named water bottle for them to access during the day too. This is particularly important as the weather warms up. Please only send water into school and not squash, fizzy drinks or juice.

Term 5 and 6 shared lessons

In term 5, to link with our planting and growing topic, we will be inviting parents in for a shared lesson with a focus on outdoor learning.

- Owls will be inviting parents to join a Forest School session for their shared lesson and will be **8.45 – 10.00am on Friday 1st May 2026.**
- Doves will be inviting parents to explore plants in the Reception garden with them and this will be **Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 2pm-3pm.**

Forthcoming trip/visit:

In Term 6, the children will be having a visit from 'Zoolab' to coincide with the work that we will be covering on animals. Each class will be taking part in a workshop guided by a Zoolab ranger, where the children will meet a range of mammals, insects, amphibians and arachnids. This visit will happen on **Tuesday 16th June 2026.** A letter will be sent with details of costings this week.

Finally please remember to visit our Google classrooms at :

Owls: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzkwMjM0MzQ1MTg1>

Doves: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzkwMjM0NjQ0NjA0>

This is a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class and celebrate the children's achievements with us.

We look forward to another successful term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Guntrip (Early Years Leader and Owls Class Teacher)

Mrs Pile and Mrs Tyler (Doves Class Teachers)