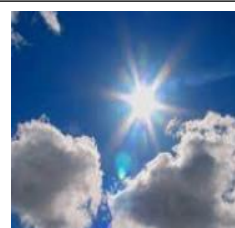




## Reception Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

A warm welcome back! We have had a fabulous week in Reception and the children have been very excited to share their half term news. We have heard about trips to the beach, walks, country parks, craft activities, baking and lots of super family time. Thank you also for sharing your news through emailing observations, these have been gratefully received and will make wonderful additions to their learning journals.

The summer weather is definitely here and we have been talking with the children about staying safe in the sun. We have remembered to keep having small drinks of water, to find shade if we are hot outside and to protect ourselves by wearing sunhats and sunglasses. A big thank you for applying sun cream to your children before school and providing hats for when we are playing outside, this is very much appreciated.



### Outdoors:

We have been keeping active in the playground by learning to gently manoeuvre air balls around cones with hockey sticks, practising throwing a ball through a netball hoop and having timed races around the hut on bikes. We have also made our own play-dough by carefully following instructions and perfecting our measuring skills! This was great fun!

### Reading:

Every day we are practising our tricky words, recapping our speed sounds and reading in school. Although we are unable to send books home we have continued to hear your children read and are very proud of how well they are using their phonic knowledge to write simple sentences with growing independence.

### Number:

We have been using everyday language to talk about size in order to compare quantities and to solve problems. There are lots of opportunities to ask questions at home too - *how many pieces of pasta in a jar? How do you know? Or find a series of small boxes - how many items can you fit in each box? Which holds more? How do you know?* This type of math activity encourages children to talk about the properties of shape and size in order to support their estimations.

### Important Information:

- Staying safe in the sun -we would encourage applying an 'all day' high factor sunscreen to your child before they come into school and provide them with a clearly labelled sunhat.
- The children will be enjoying a Sports Morning on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and we will be sending PE kits home on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> so the children can wear their kit into school the following day. Unfortunately, due to the current situation with COVID-19, we will be unable to have spectators this year.

Have a lovely weekend, best wishes from the Reception Team.