



Oldfield Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. We cannot believe that it is the last two terms of the Early Years Foundation Stage for the children. It is an important time for them, as they begin to prepare for the transition into Key Stage 1. We have lots of fun activities planned and hope to make the most of some warmer weather!

Please refer to the **What We are Learning in Reception Summer 1** document on the website to give you additional information about the learning that will be taking place in your child's class, including our role play dress up day.

The focus for our learning in Reception for the first three weeks will be 'Minibeasts' and the books 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Minibeast Facts'. Our role play area is set up as a minibeast laboratory and the children will be exploring our local environment, looking for minibeasts and going on bug hunts!

You may like to help your child by doing some of the following activities with them:

- Reading fiction and non-fiction books about minibeasts
- Searching for minibeasts in and around your garden or local park
- Watching 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'
- Drawing your favourite minibeast

We hope that you will enjoy these activities together.

The focus for our learning in the final three weeks of this term will be 'Growing' and the focus books will be 'Jasper's Beanstalk', 'Sam plants a sunflower' and 'From Seed to Sunflower'. Our role play area is set up as a garden centre and we hope to get lots of opportunities to be outside and do some growing of our own!

You may like to help your child by doing some of the following activities with them:

- Looking at what plants need to grow
- Visiting a garden centre and seeing what you can find there
- Getting some seeds or bulbs and growing plants or flowers at home
- Encouraging your child to help you in the garden



During our first week back, on **Wednesday 17th April**, the children will be walking to Maidenhead Library, to find out more about how we can borrow books and visit the library for stories. We have asked for parent volunteers to help us walk the children safely to and from the library and so thank you in advance for your support and co-operation. Please note that you will not be able to bring any pre-school children along on this trip.

This term, the children in Reception will be doing lots of PE and sports and so please may we ask that you now send the children into school in their PE uniforms on **Mondays and Fridays**, so that they are suitably dressed. This term the children will be learning their dance performance in preparation for Sports Week in June and many children will also be participating with the Balance Bike and Fun Fit lessons with Miss Brown on Mondays.

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the forms regarding the bike safety lessons with Miss Brown. If you have completed the form, stating that your child can ride a bike, they will not be offered any sessions, as these sessions are designed to teach those children who are unable to ride a bike. Thank you for your understanding.

Each short term, we provide the children with activities and experiences in order to enhance and support their learning. At the end of Spring 2, the children enjoyed a day with the Teach Rex workshop to conclude their topic on dinosaurs. This immersive experience was completely funded by the school.

This term, our trips include walking to Maidenhead Library and in Summer 2, we will take the children by coach to Odds Farm Park to complement our topic on Farms. As a school, we appreciate that the costs of living put a large toll on parents, however, we do need to ask parents to support us from time to time, with contributing funds towards the costs of these visits and if we do not receive enough support, then trips may not go ahead. We aim to give you as much notice as possible in order to plan ahead. We believe the cost of the trip to Odds Farm Park will be approximately £21.50. Thank you for your continued support.

Other general reminders:

- Water bottle holders – we have noticed that lots of children are still carrying water bottles inside bookbags and as a result, pieces of paper and books are getting wet. Many parents have found that water bottle holders are ideal to clip to bookbags to avoid this.
- Please return the Fun Friday books on a Monday so that we can send home the Little Wandle reading books on Monday and send the Little Wandle reading books back on a Friday so that the children can take a Fun Friday book home.
- Please don't forget to check your child's book bag at the end of each day, as any notes or leaflets will be put in on a daily basis as we receive them.
- Please don't forget to write a comment in the Purple Pages book (collected on a Monday) if you notice your child has acquired a new skill, developed a new interest or just to tell us what they have been doing at home and enjoying at school. We really value your role as your child's primary educators and it will help us to plan for their learning at school.
- As the weather is (hopefully) getting warmer, all children will need a named sun hat or cap to keep at school. On very hot days, please apply sun cream to your child before school. If you would like your child to have their own sun cream to keep at school, please ensure that it is named and that they are able to apply it themselves.
- We are a 'nut free school' and no nuts or nut products are permitted in any snack or lunch boxes.

- To help celebrate your child's birthday they are able to wear their own clothes to school, if their birthday falls at the weekend or during the holidays, they can wear their own clothes on a different day of your choosing.
- If you would like to donate a box of tissues for your child's class, please send it in and it will be gratefully received.
- Please continue to keep an eye on the school website for important dates, new photos onto the class pages and the Summer 1 termly overview.
- Please can your child email in or bring in an object to talk about for show and tell. Any photos or videos can be emailed to the school office at office@oldfieldprimary.com who will forward it to your child's class teacher.

If you do have any questions regarding your child, please email your class teacher via the office.

Yours sincerely,



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