

## Physical Development

The children will continue to have their weekly PE session with Mr Croucher. This term he is focusing on developing bat and ball skills. Please note that Oak class are changing to 2.30-3pm on a THURSDAY so that we don't miss the Friday Head Teacher's Award assembly. In our outdoor area we will continue to offer a variety of resources for building and modelling along with wood work tools and materials. Scissor skills and a final push for pencil control will be our focus inside.

## Understanding of the World

As the natural world bursts into life we will be exploring the school garden looking for signs of growth and new life. We will use the book, 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane, as inspiration for our own observational drawings of the plants and insects we find outside. We will also be learning about the life cycles of some familiar animals and how to care for our environment in terms of recycling and reducing rubbish.

## Reception Newsletter

### Summer 1 2022



Welcome back for the summer term in Reception. This half term we are very excited to be going on our first educational visit this year to Carymoor Environmental Centre <https://www.carymoor.org.uk/>.

We will be learning all about the habitats, flora and fauna found at the centre through a variety of activities. More information about our visit has been sent by Parent mail and in the memo tab on Tapestry.

Now that the weather is getting warmer please can you send in a sunhat for your child to wear on sunny days, sun cream

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our school value this half term is FRIENDSHIP so we are reading lots of stories and talking about how to be a good friend. We have also introduced Robbie the Rabbit to our children. He is our 'My First Emotions' puppet and helps the children to talk about their emotions and understand that ALL emotions are OK (although sometimes the associated behavior may not be). More information about this can be found on <https://skylarkonline.com/tag/my-first-emotions/>

## Communication, Language and Literacy

We will start the half term reading the book 'Not a box' by Antoinette Portis. This will fire up our imaginations to design, label and create our own unique 'box' models. We will also be enjoying stories such as, 'A Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and non-fiction books about growth and life cycles. We will be recounting our visit to Carymoor in words and pictures. We have added an additional phonics group to our morning sessions now that most of the children are blending independently. If your child has just moved up to a RED Ditty book group they will now have 2 reading books to practice with you at home. Please ensure that you make a short amount of time available EVERY day to hear them read. We are spending a short amount of time every morning on improving our writing skills and learning how to sit our letters neatly on a line in preparation for the transition to Year 1.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

This half term we will be learning how to make close observational drawings in the garden. We will then colour our sketches using water colours and perfect our colour mixing skills. Making our boxes will challenge our modelling expertise and we'll learn new ways to fix materials together as well as hone our cutting and design skills. We will be creating natural sculptures outside taking inspiration from Andy Goldsworthy.

applied before school and something waterproof for those unexpected showers.

### **Mathematical Development**

This half term we are learning that teen numbers (11-19) are composed of a ten and a number of units. We are also revisiting 2D and 3D shape, mass and capacity. We will be recalling the number knowledge such as doubles, odd and even numbers, bonds to 5 and 10 at the start of our Maths sessions so that they become really secure in the children's minds.