



Curriculum Newsletter



Summer Term

Welcome back to the children's last term In Reception. As the covid restrictions lift, we aim to add some exciting activities to the end of term in order to give the children happy memories of Reception.

Our topic this half term is Animals. We shall be exploring the animal topic through a range of fun and engaging activities, such as pet shop role play, crafts and bringing in pictures of our own pets to share with our friends.

Near the end of the term we shall begin transition work through, talks and structure of the day to ease the children into Year One.



Reading and Spellings

It is vital that the children continue to read at home to help improve their confidence and fluency. This should be at least 2 or 3 pages a night. Please record when you have read with your child to help them achieve that reading challenge prize at the end of term.

Also please continue to access bug club.

In the early stages of reading and writing your child's phonics skills are critical in order for your child to break down the words. Please continue to look at the Phase 2 and 3 sounds as your child should have a good understanding of these and begin to apply them as they go into Year One.

Phonics play has some great interactive resources, such as buried treasure:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

Maths

In order to prepare the children for Year One, please support us in getting your child to recognise and order the numbers 0-20. Stick the numbers around the house, flash card them, look for them when out on a walk or making numbers using everyday household items. By seeing them every day and talking about them it will support children's understanding of number.

The Top marks website has a range of maths games to cover all areas:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

PE and Games

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately in a dark blue tracksuit with a white t-shirt. In the summer, blue shorts can be worn. No jewellery please and ensure clothes are labelled.

PE will be on a Friday.

Uniform

At Blakeley Heath, children should wear the following:

- *Grey shorts/trousers/dress or shirt
- *Pale blue shirts/blouse
- *Royal blue V necked jumper or cardigan
- *A tie
- *White or grey socks
- *Blue and White dress in the summer.
- *Black school shoes (not trainers)

Learning behaviours

We have introduced new characters to the children in order to promote learning behaviours. In the spring term, our focus was on resilience and how to be a resilient learner.

For the summer term, we will teach the children about the importance of perseverance and a new character will appear.

