



Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to an exciting final term in Reception. Our topics for these terms include Nature Detectives and Animal Kingdom. These topics will provide opportunities for lots of cross curricular learning which will be informed by the children's interests.

This is an important last term in Reception and we have high expectations for the children's self-care and independence skills. You can support this by encouraging your child to take responsibility for all their belongings, managing their own hygiene and dressing skills. This is in preparation for their transition to Year One. We will begin to discuss this transition with the children after half term to ensure they are well prepared.

Reading

Reading with your child continues to be extremely important. The Little Wandle scheme asks that the children read at home regularly (at least 3 times a week) so that children are able to read their book with fluency and ease as well as using expression. As you can see the children are making great progress when they are given the opportunity to practise regularly. Some children may bring home a phonics reading book that they have previously read. This has been chosen again to consolidate their fluency with particular words, phonemes or tricky words. Children should also be bringing home a sharing book which they can enjoy with you. We are encouraging the children to change these independently so they might need an extra reminder!

Home Learning

Please continue to support your child with their home learning activities. Home learning is a valuable way for your child to share their learning with you. We remind you that regular tasks must be completed. Regular reading and handwriting practise are highly important and a little everyday would greatly benefit your child.

Sun Hats and Sun Cream

This term on sunny days, we ask that the children are protected from the sun before school with the application of sun cream. Children are welcome to wear a cap into school if they choose to; school ones are available to purchase at Valentino Schoolwear, our usual school uniform supplier. Children can wear other caps, but they must be in school colours (blue, grey, white or black) and be subtle in terms of logos.

Extra Topic Highlights

As well as our trip to Wellington Country Park on Tuesday 19th May, to enhance the learning within our topic, we have an exciting visitor planned. On Thursday 11th June we will be having a Zoo Lab workshop where the children will have a hands-on learning experience. The workshop will combine drama and storytelling whilst handling a wide range of creatures. Further information about this will be provided at a later date.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

The Reception Team