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# Reception Curriculum News

## Summer term

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

The academic year is in full swing and time seems to be flying by! We are now in the first half of the summer term in Reception and we have lots of exciting things coming up.

We have put this Curriculum Letter together for you so that you have more information on what your child will be learning in school in order for you to support them at home, but also so we can share other information with you.

At Penn Wood, we have an open door policy. Please do not hesitate to approach any member of the office team who can then make an appointment for you if you have a query and, as most languages are spoken between us, we will do our utmost to help you.

Many thanks,

*The Reception Team*

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Penn Wood Primary

Summer 2018

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Dates for your diary:

- ☺ Monday 7th May : Bank Holiday
- ☺ Friday 25th May: Apple Class Assembly
- ☺ Friday 25th May: Last day of Summer term 1
- ☺ Half Term: Monday 28th May — Friday 1st June
- ☺ Start of Summer term 2: Monday 4th June
- ☺ Friday 15th June: INSET Day
- ☺ Tuesday 19th June: Sports Day (TBC)
- ☺ Thursday 12th July: Graduation Ceremony Presentations
- ☺ Friday 13th July: Cherry Class Assembly
- ☺ Friday 20th July: Class Changeover
- ☺ Tuesday 24th July : End of term

Please note: the date for Pear Class' Assembly is still to be confirmed.

Please keep yourself up to date with Diary Dates and changes by taking a look at our website, as changes can occur.

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# What will be happening in Reception this term?

The activities and lessons that we teach in Reception are planned so that the children are learning in a wonderfully hands-on way. We learn through song, dance, role play, drama etc. You are welcome to come in and look at our working walls and displays at the end of a day, if you are curious.



When your child reads to you at home, ask them lots of questions about what they have read to make sure that they **REALLY** understand what they are reading!

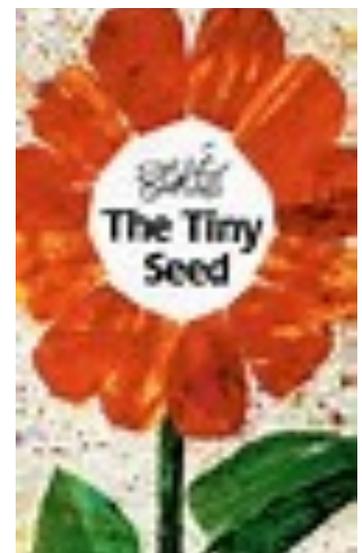
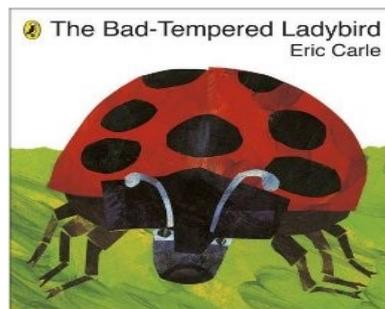
## English

Our Key Texts for this term are traditional tales, including the Enormous Turnip and Little Red Riding Hood. We would love it if you could plant some seeds with your children; particularly vegetable seeds. I wonder if you can grow something enormous?!

We follow the Ruth Miskin Phonics Programme, supplemented with the .StoryTime Phonics Programme. This is done each day at school. As the children become more familiar with their phonics, they will be given varying activities to take home at the end of each week revising the sounds that they have learned.

When your child is confident with the sounds, word cards will be sent home so that the children will be able to segment and blend simple words.

Come in and ask any of the team if you are unsure about how to help your child with this. We are more than happy to help.



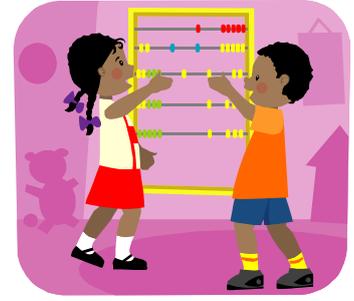
# Maths and Problem Solving

We will be looking at the following this Summer Term:

- Exploring numbers to 50 - recognition and counting forwards and backwards
- Using vocabulary involved in **adding and subtracting**
- **Money**— recognising coins and what we use money for
- **Doubling and halving**

Please practise these topics with your child at home as much as possible. Counting out groups of

objects you find around the house, adding them together and practising number recognition will help your child access the learning to their best ability.



Get your child to feel rice, dry beans, flour and any other ingredients you are using to make dinner with. It encourages development of motor skills but is also lots of fun!

## Creative development

At Penn Wood, we encourage exploration of the world through hands on and sensory play. Your child may come home with paint under their nails after painting them into monster hands to go with a mask that they have made, or with play dough in their shoe after making cookies.

We do our utmost to keep the children clean and dry, but sometimes the experience takes over!

We will be developing fine motor skills by using scissors, glue and play dough, and gross motor skills by encouraging lots of physical activities like the bikes and trikes and use of the large construction toys.

## Reception Fruit and Milk

We provide the children with fresh fruit or vegetables every-day. We see this as another learning opportunity to talk about healthy eating and promoting social skills.

Labelled water bottles are available to buy from the

School Office at the beginning of the year. The children are encouraged to drink from these throughout the day. Under 5s also receive free milk each day.

If you would still like your child to receive milk at school after they turn 5 years old, then please fill out an order form from the office.



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## Lunchboxes:

Healthy lunchboxes, please. There are children in Foundation that have nut and seed allergies and we do not want to put them in danger. Therefore, no nuts or chocolate spread (as many contain nuts).

No Fruit Shoots or other squash type drinks. They contain too many additives. Please provide 100% fruit juice, milk or water.



## Reminders

Please ensure that hair bands & clips, and any tights/leggings match the school colours. No nail varnish is permitted at school. Please make sure that it is removed before school on Mondays.

Ensure that your child brings in the correct school P.E. kit



on Monday and leaves it in school for the whole week.

It is your responsibility to make sure that your child arrives at school promptly at 08.50. Being late is extremely upsetting for your child and not a positive way to start the day.

Please remember that from now on, you will say goodbye to your child at the classroom door in the morning.

It is upsetting when items of school uniform are misplaced. If everything is labelled, we can ensure that it is returned to the rightful owner ASAP.