

## Reception Newsletter

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Time to say Goodbye....

As we write our newsletter this week, we have such a range of feelings. We are so sad to see our children go but know there is so much for them to look forward to in Year 1. The year has flown and looking back to the start, it is wonderful to see how much progress they have all made.

Enjoy looking through your child's learning journey and congratulate your child on all they have achieved. They are ready for Year One and the challenges and excitement KS1 will bring. We also take this opportunity to thank you as parents for all your support over the year.

### Summer Holiday Tips

It is important that the children have a rest over the summer and have some down time. Run, laugh, be still, and enjoy outdoor green spaces and play would be our advice first and foremost. However, if you do want to keep things ticking over ready for Year 1 then here are some tips below:

- Read, read, read! The library is running a reading challenge again. This is always a fantastic opportunity to keep children reading over the summer. It does not matter what the children read – fiction, non-fiction, comics, cookbooks... Just something that engages them and makes them enthusiastic. Go and visit. It is all free of charge.
- Read to your child. Being immersed in great stories or information books enables children to grasp new vocabulary and knowledge and an understanding of story narrative. Sharing a book in different places is also a lovely bonding experience. Maybe read in the garden, in a den, light a candle and snuggle up together in a rug? Make it a special experience.
- If you are going away or on a day trip somewhere encourage your child to send a holiday postcard to their new teacher at the school's address. This is always exciting to read out when they come back to school in September.
- Keep singing! Nursery rhymes and songs usually involve rhyming, rhythm and repetition. Three important skills underpinning phonological awareness. Sing on the long car journeys!
- Count everything you see. The children are familiar with numbers 1-20 and need to embed this understanding through the holidays. You can also 'skip' count in 2s, 5s and 10s and practise ways to make 10 with buttons or pasta or fingers. For example:  
"Make me 10: I have 7, so you have ?" "3"

- Play a board game. Snakes and Ladders is a great one for consolidating numbers to 100. Perhaps your child could design and play their own board game too?
- Using ICT is always a difficult balancing act, however, there are some good websites out there that they can access. We would recommend [www.Phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.Phonicsplay.co.uk); [www.Topmarks.co.uk](http://www.Topmarks.co.uk); [www.Oxfordowls.co.uk](http://www.Oxfordowls.co.uk); (where you can access the ORT scheme e-books amongst other reading materials) and [www.ICTgames.co.uk](http://www.ICTgames.co.uk). Please also keep up your Doodle Maths!
- Follow your child's lead. It is exciting to see what they are passionate about and where this will take you. You may end up with a house of Lego dinosaurs, puppet unicorns or a giant obstacle course around the garden. Sometimes just giving them the space to get bored makes them use the creativity they all have hidden below! Do not feel guilty when your child says, "I'm bored" This can often lead to big adventures of their own making.

We wish you all a happy and relaxing summer holiday!

### Doodle Maths Star of the Week:

**Holly Class:** Albert

**Willow Class:** Maria





