

#### Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back for the Summer Term. I hope you had a wonderful Spring break and managed to get some rest ahead of a busy term ahead.

This term we look forward to being able to welcome the Rainbow class to start a little earlier each morning. Either Sara or I will be on the gate to welcome you in from 8:45. You can then bring your child to class and help them to trace their name, change their reading book and play for a little while. We will then shake the tambourine, say goodbye and sit down on the carpet ready for the register and day ahead. We thought this would be a nice opportunity for you to talk with us if you need to, and would help your child ease into the day ahead.

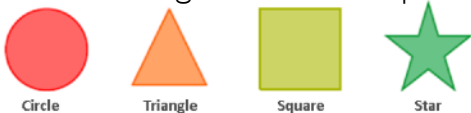
Have a great half term of learning.  
Jeanette and Sara

Our topic for this term is Growing flowers & plants, Farm Animals and Vets and Pets.

<p><b>Week 1 - Growing flowers.</b></p> 	<p><b>Week 2 - Growing beans.</b></p> 
<p><b>Week 3 - Farm Animals</b></p> 	<p><b>Week 4 - Farm Animals &amp; their babies</b></p> 
<p><b>Week 5 - Vets and Pets</b></p> 	<p><b>Week 6 - Vets and Pets</b></p> 

### Maths

This term we will be learning to count out accurately to 5 and beyond and subitising to 6 (this means spotting the number straight away, without having to count out one by one). We will be collecting data and making charts. We will be learning about 2D shapes.



### Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We will be learning to develop our sense of community by learning how to look after plants, animals and themselves. The children will be exploring how they can be kind to friends and family, and be respectful of other cultures.



### Physical Development

We will be learning to use tools to plant seeds and prepare soil for planting. We will be moving like different animals and PE, and learning different games to play as a class. We will continue developing our fine motor skills.



### Literacy

We will be learning to name and label parts of a flower and sort items based on initial sounds. We will clap the syllables of different topic words and we will retell stories in the correct order.



## Understanding the World

We will be learning about different jobs and what a farmer and a vet do. We will learn about what plants need to grow and what happens to plants and trees during the seasons.



## Expressive Art & Design

We will be learning to combine media to make collages with natural materials. We will use music to accompany stories. We will learn how to mix colours to use in our painting.



## Reminders

### THURSDAY & FRIDAY - P.E. -

Please send your child to school in P.E. Kit.



### LIBRARY BOOKS

We will be giving children the opportunity to change their books as often as they want - if their reading record shows they have read and shared the book at home.

If So keep reading and talking about the books you choose at home. Can you find the words and pictures? Can you follow the words whilst your grown up reads?

**Do you know someone who needs a place in nursery with a class teacher?**

**We have full and part time places available. Please contact the office.**

**Do you want to top up your hours to full time and are not entitled to the full 30 free hours?**

**Top up to 30: £10 a day or £50 a week.**



## Homework

Please continue to read a story every day with your child. Please help them develop a pencil grip and write their name if they are starting reception in September in particular.

## Local Trip - helpers needed!!!

We would like to go on a local trip to either the Farm or Archbishops Park. We would like to go on the week beginning 8th May or the week beginning the 15 May. Our ratio is one adult to 2 children, so if we don't get enough helpers we cannot go anywhere! If you can offer to help, let us know which times suits you best.

## Dates for Summer 1

Monday 17th April	School starts - term 5
Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Monday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY KINGS CORONATION
Friday 26th May	Last Day of Term 5: finish at 3.15pm

**HALF TERM**  
**29th May to 2nd June**

## Books we will be reading

