

Reception Newsletter

Summer 2009

Mrs York and Miss Gresty

During the Summer term we are encouraging the children to become more independent so they will be ready for the transition to Year One. To support us in this we would like you to encourage your child to come into school on their own or with as little support as possible. As a result, when they move into Year One they will be confident to do this independently.

This half-term our topic is the 'Jungle.'

We hope your child will learn to:

- Read and write high frequency words from the high frequency words lists (if you need a spare a one please come and see us.)
- Know how to add 2 numbers and write a number sentence.
- Know what 1 less than a number 0-10 is and use the correct language when taking away two groups.
- Can order 2 or 3 items by height/length or weight.
- Can name and describe 2D and 3D shapes.
- Become confident independent readers and writers using all their cues when appropriate e.g. sounding out and squashing sounds together.
- Use ICT (digital cameras, computers, interactive white boards, b-bots, and toasters, pretend and real ICT) to support learning.
- Have confidence to speak in front of a group.
- Know importance of keeping healthy, how we keep healthy and can recognise changes to our body when we exercise.
- Follow classroom rules and know why it is important.
- Know the all their letters and sounds.
- Know about different cultures, animals, environments and the patterns which occur in these.
- Know aspects of dance and games within P.E and use them during playtimes.

Activities:

- Paintings and tastings of exotic fruit.
- Creating maps.
- Practise using scissors, play dough, weaving and threading equipment.
- Making and retelling stories in our theatre.
- Role play in our Zoo and writing tickets, programmes and maps in our writing area.
- Fishing for letters and making words.
- Taking photos of their construction and writing captions.
- Making animal masks and writing lists of all the materials they needed.
- Daily reading; 1:1, group or shared reading.
- Letters and Sounds activities.
- Personalised learning.
- Music Express
- Games and Gymnastics.
- Celebrating children's achievements by post it notes and show and tell.
- Have water and fruit to keep healthy.
- Making an obstacle course to retell the story 'Going on a Bear Hunt.'
- Using the maths area to investigate and demonstrate what they have learnt.

Reminder about Graduated Start Dates

Week Beginning:	Week One	8 th September	8:45a.m.-12:00p.m. (half days)
	Week Two	15 th September	8:45a.m.-12:00p.m. (half days)
	Week Three	22 nd September	8:45a.m.-1:00p.m. (stay for lunch)
	Week Four	29 th September	8:45a.m.-1:00p.m. (stay for lunch)
	Week Five	6 th October	8:45a.m.-2:00p.m. (extended half days)
	Week Six	13 th October	8:45a.m.-3:15p.m. (full days)
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What you can do at home

At Hopping Hill Primary School we recognise parents as the first and most important educators of their children. There are many ways in which you can stimulate your child's learning:

- Exchange knowledge about your child's achievements, activities and interests no matter how big or small through the well done board. You will find the post it notes and pens by the classroom door.
- Share your child's book at home with your child and homework and reading challenge.
- Encourage your child to talk about their favourite activity at school.
- Talk to your child about how they have changed from when they were a baby to now.
- Change your child's picture books in the library book box (by the classroom door) when you have shared them with your child.
- We are always in need of junk for our DT area, please could you collect things like bottle tops, corks, small boxes, clean packaging etc... We would be very grateful for any contributions.

Book Bags

Book bags need to be in school on a Friday for their book to be changed.

When you have listened to your child read, please feel free to make a comment in your child's Yellow Communication Books. Your child can also comment on how they found the book e.g funny, great, dull.

P.E Days

We will not start P.E until Week Six, when the children are in full time. Our P.E slot is very flexible and changes week by week. Please could you make sure that your child has their P.E kit at school all week, you may then take it home on a Friday to wash.

All jewellery must be removed on these days.

**If you have any queries we
are available from**

3:15-3:30p.m.

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- Sharing books at home with your child (homework and reading challenges)
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Reading Books

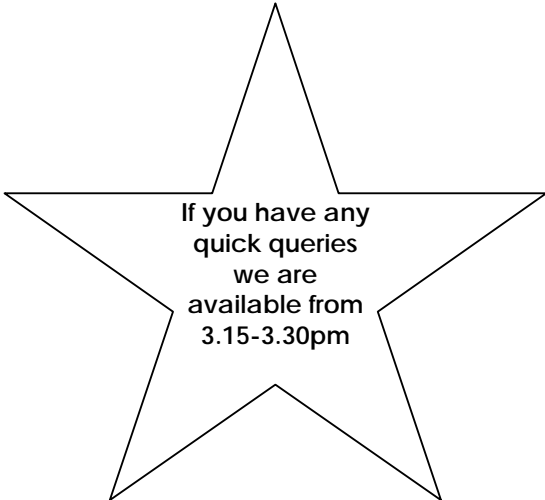
We change your child's reading scheme and library book every Friday, please can you make sure their book bag is in school on Fridays. If you would like to change your child's library book more frequently, there is a box by the door which you are welcome to have a look through and swap your book.

P.E

Our P.E slots are very flexible and changes week by week. Please could you make sure that your child has their P.E kit at school all week, you may then take it home on a Friday to wash. During the summer term we will be doing some of our P.E outside. Please may you include a jumper or warm top in your child's P.E bag. Please ensure that all P.E kit is named! All jewellery must be removed on these days.

Family Reading

Every Wednesday morning it is family Reading. This is a great opportunity where you can come in and share a book with your child at the start of the day. We look forward to seeing you.



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