



# Early Years Foundation Stage



## Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back, we hope that you have had a lovely break. We have some fantastic learning opportunities this term that we look forward to sharing with you, during your last term in Foundation!

### Learning Focus

#### **Plants and Growing**

As we experience Spring and Summer we will learn about growing and changing in plants and animals. We will observe seasonal changes and spend lots of time outdoors. Children will have opportunities to explore planting seeds and monitoring how they grow, as well as exploring the produce of plants through fruits and vegetables. Children will enjoy sensory experiences with feeling, tasting and smelling a range of foods. We will also look at how animals grow and change, including the lifecycles of frogs and butterflies. We will even think about how we are growing and changing ourselves.



#### **Mini-beasts**

Some of our learning about growing and living things will be a focus on mini-beasts. We will learn about a range of insects and other mini-beasts that we might find in our gardens, the school grounds or elsewhere. We will think about how important these little creatures are and children will have many creative and imaginative opportunities to learn through play.

#### **Past and Present**

In Foundation Stage, children will begin to learn about the passing of time and how things have changed throughout history. We will look at some exciting periods in the history of our world, including: the time of the dinosaurs, pirates, Egyptian mummies, how castles were made, and even more.



### Reading Books

All pupils will have the opportunity to borrow a school book to share and enjoy with their grown ups and siblings at home. Please use your new reading journal to record when you share books with your child. Please seek support from your child's teacher if you need any advice. Children will also occasionally visit the Stanford Library and bring books home that can be read to them. See additional reading newsletters for further information.

### Hook Day—Mini-beasts!

We will have a 'Hook Day' to add an extra sprinkle of magic and fun to our learning, with a special **mini-beast** themed day. Children are invited to either dress as insects or other mini-beasts, or you could even dress in floral clothes or something else creative. This will be on **Friday 19th April**.



### Key Events

- **Hook Day: Mini-Beast Theme—Friday 19th April**
- **Sports Day—Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Intra School Competition- 24<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Walk to School week- 20<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Founders' Day- 23<sup>rd</sup> May**
- **Class Photo- 13<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Compass Go Transition Assembly whole school- 5<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Water Project Day- 5<sup>th</sup> Jul**
- **'Road 2 Paris' themed, sponsored day! Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July!**
- **Graduation—July date tbc**

### PE

Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit, clearly named. Also make sure that long hair is tied back and earrings are removed. Drawstring bags may be left in the cloakroom throughout the week/term. No rucksacks please as we are very limited with space.

### Home Learning

Home Learning activities are in your child's home learning book. Home learning can be handed into the basket on any day, however they are checked each **Thursday**. Children are expected to **read to an adult a minimum of 3 times per week** and record this in their reading record.

### School Web-Site

We like to keep everyone informed of what is happening in our school, so we ensure photos, blogs and work are sent to our school web site weekly. Please keep checking our web-site & blog page.

