



Reception Newsletter Summer 1—2018/2019

This half term's topic title is: Who can help us?

In **Literacy** we will be reading the following books in depth and completing short tasks about them:

A range of non-fiction books relating to people and communities and Easter.

Mr Birthday/Little Miss Birthday

The Giant Jam Sandwich

This half term our **topic** is 'Who can help us?' We will be discussing people who help us in our families and our communities. We will also be learning about different celebrations around the world.

We would like to ask any parents or family members that have jobs that involve helping people to come into school and do a short talk to the children about what you do. We would love to hear from you!

We will be doing **P.E.** on **Fridays**. Indoor PE kit will be required and can be left in school. Please make sure all P.E. kits are labelled.

Biscuit Bar

We will be continuing with biscuit bar and are asking for donations of biscuits. The biscuit bar is a great opportunity for children to practise their counting and coin recognition skills on a daily basis.

In **Maths** we will be focussing on:

- Counting and recognising numbers to 20
- Focussing on knowing all number facts for numbers 5-10
- Ordering and comparing lengths
- Recognising, describing and creating patterns

In **Phonics** the children will be recapping the phase 2 and 3 sounds we have already learnt. Some children will be moving onto phase 4 sounds. The children will continue to be set for phonics this half term.

In **R.E.** our new topic is 'What makes places special?' We will be looking at special places in Christianity and other religions.

How to help at home:

- Help your child to read and write cvc words.
- Count, recognise and write numbers to 20.
- Practise dressing, fastening coats and tying shoe laces..
- Read with your child at least twice a week.
- Write simple sentences.

Important dates: Easter bun sale Tuesday 23rd April (30p per bun), Egg decorating competition Thursday 25th April. Look out for information about a parent phonics meeting and phonics stay and play.

Reading books – Children will change their books once per week and will be listened to by an adult in school. Reading books will be collected on Monday and sent back out on Tuesday or Wednesday.

In order for your child to be heard read by an adult in school it is essential that books remain in your child's book bag and are brought into school every day. Please try to read with your child at least twice a week.

We hope your child will enjoy their learning in Reception this half term.

If you have any questions or concerns please see your child's class teacher in the first instance.