



# Foundation Stage Sunflower and Buttercup Newsletter: Summer Term 2



## Our topic this term is.....Pirates!

The children have shown a great interest in this topic already and can't wait to learn more. We will be transforming ourselves into pirates, learning songs, making maps and many more exciting things! Our role play area will be turned into a pirate ship for the children to immerse themselves in pirate life through dramatic role play.

### Captain Rocky Cliff...

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, Captain Rocky Cliff will be visiting us at Winnersh Primary School! He will be teaching us all about being a pirate with lots of swashbuckling games and activities and a generous dose of learning thrown in. Ooh arrr, shiver me timbers! Please can your child come to school dressed as a pirate for the day (no swords please)! This experience will come out of the Smarter Way to Pay fund.



### Pirate Party Day...

We will be having an end of year pirate party on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July** to celebrate a fantastic year together. Please could your child come to school dressed as a pirate ready for the party!

To make this day extra special the children will help to organise the party. We will think about how many different things we will need e.g. hats, paper plates, napkins and cups. The children will be creating their own pirate character place cards and we will also play some games and sing songs.

We will be putting up a party food sign-up sheet nearer the time. It would be amazing if you could put your name down for a small donation so the children can have a fantastic end of year party.

## Sports Day...

The children will be taking part in their first sports day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We also have a backup date (29<sup>th</sup> June) in case there is bad weather. They will be practising their sports day skills during PE lessons and in exploring time. Further details of timings for the day will be sent out shortly.

## Foundation Stage Assembly...

Our Foundation Stage assembly will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 9.05am.

Please come along and see your child in their first ever assembly!  
Due to numbers there will be a maximum of two seats per child.

## Transition to Year 1...

During this half term we will be starting to think about the transition to Year 1. We have put the following visits in place to ensure a smooth transition to Year 1 for your child. Our overriding aim is to ensure that your child is happy with the forthcoming change. The transition sessions will be on:

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June (morning)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July (morning)

During these sessions they will spend some time in the new learning environments playing and exploring.

We will also start going out for morning break (see attached timetable).

## Phonics...

We will be continuing to teach children phonics using the Letters and Sounds synthetic phonics programme. Children will be having daily 20 minute phonic sessions in small groups. They will have many opportunities to practise their blending (for reading) and segmenting (for writing) skills during these sessions.

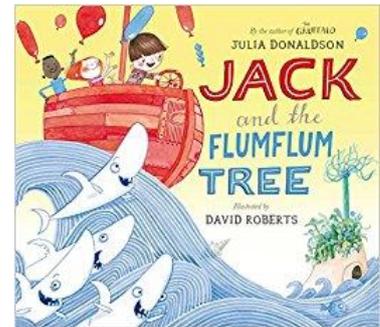
Information about what we are covering each week in our phonics groups can be found on the class page of the school website (your child should remember which group they are in).

## Reading...

Thank you for supporting your child's reading development at home. It is so exciting to see the fantastic progress they have made since the beginning of the year with your support. When you listen to your child read at home please can you write the date, book title and comment. We will continue to change reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you feel that you would like to keep the book for a little longer please just put a note in the reading record.

## Talk for Writing....

Our talk for writing text this half term will be '**Jack and the Flum Flum Tree**' by **Julia Donaldson**. Jack's Granny is sick with a bad case of the moozles! The only cure is the fruit of the fantastic flumflum tree which grows on the faraway Isle of Blowyernose. It's a perilous journey, but Jack bravely sets sail, with a motley crew of only three.



## Mathematical Development...

During this term we will be focusing on the following areas of mathematical development using fun, practical based activities and experiences:

- I will count sets of treasure and match them to a numeral (focusing on 10-20).
- I will continue to develop my estimating skills.
- I will continue to learn about and use the terms and symbols for addition and subtraction.
- I will be creating my own number problems based on my fascinations and interests.
- I will continue to learn about halving and sharing different amounts linking to our topic.
- I will sort 2D and 3D shapes by their names and properties.
- I will talk about, compare and order pirate objects according to size and weight.
- I will learn about capacity and develop my understanding of ordering containers from least to most capacity.
- I will apply my understanding of money and coin values through practical experiences.
- I will continue to learn about time and apply it to everyday life.

Please support your child's development of these key concepts at home with the areas that we will be covering at home. If you would like any practical ideas then please come and ask your child's teacher.

## Parents as Partners...

The Buttercup and Sunflower classrooms will be open on the following Thursdays from 3.15-3.30pm for children to show parents all the fun educational things they have been doing.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July

During this time you can also look through your child's learning profile and journal and add any comments about their learning on post it notes.

## Home Learning Books...

Thank you for completing the learning tasks at home. The children really enjoy showing us their fantastic home learning. We will continue to send activities home every couple of weeks. Please complete the activities when you have a spare moment - there is no pressure to get them in by a certain day.

## Things to remember...

- PE kits should remain in school at all times. Both classes will be doing PE on Monday afternoons. Please make sure all items are named as items of clothing can easily be mixed up!
- Please bring your child's book bag into school every day with their Home Learning Book, reading book and reading record.
- Named water bottles should be brought into school every day - **no squash please**.
- If your child is off school because they are unwell please notify the school reception team as soon as possible.

We are really looking forward to a fun and exciting last term in Foundation. Finally, if you have any questions or wish to talk to us about any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us at the beginning or end of the school day.

Many thanks for your support,  
Miss Dawkins, Miss Storey, Mrs Champ, Mrs Winspur and Mrs Vaessen

## Summer Term 2 Timetable

## Sunflower and Buttercup

	8.45	9.00	9.10-9.20	9:20-10:10	10:10 -10:20	10:20 - 11:15	11:15 -11:45	11:50 -1:00	1:00 -1:10	1:10-1:30	1:30-2:05	2:05 -2:15	2:15 -2:30	2:30-3:00	3:00 -3:15
<b>Monday</b>	Self-registration and Busy Bee activities focusing on handwriting and literacy	Whole class Dough Disco on the carpet	Whole class <u>literacy</u> input	Small group <u>literacy</u> activities Half the class to ICT suite	Morning Break with the whole school on the playground Snack time in classrooms	Small group <u>literacy</u> activities Half the class to ICT suite	<b>Phonics</b>	Lunch and playtime on the playground	Registration	Handwriting and fine motor control	Daily Mile outside on the field	Tidy up time	Afternoon playtime on the playground with Lower Phase	Maths time: Differentiated small groups focusing on number/shape, space and measure	Getting ready to go home
<b>Tuesday</b>			Whole class <u>maths</u> input	Small group <u>maths</u> activities Exploring time		Small group <u>maths</u> activities Exploring time	<b>Phonics</b>							Exploring time	
<b>Wednesday</b>			9.10-10.10 Sunflower class: PE (PD)  Buttercup class: Small group literacy activities	10.10-11.10 Buttercup class: PE (PD)  Sunflower class: Small group literacy activities	<b>Story time</b>	Exploring time	Music Time Whole class time focusing on CL and EAD								
<b>Thursday</b>			Whole class <u>maths</u> input	Small group <u>maths</u> activities Exploring time	Morning Break with the whole school on the playground Snack time in classrooms	Small group <u>maths</u> activities Exploring time	<b>Phonics</b>			Exploring time				Topic/Circle time: Whole class time focusing on PSED/CL	
<b>Friday</b>			9am Lower phase assembly	Exploring time  Listen to individual readers		Exploring time  Listen to individual readers	<b>Phonics</b>			Exploring time				Show and Tell: Carpet time linking to CL/UW	