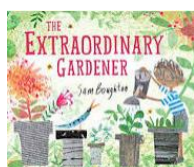
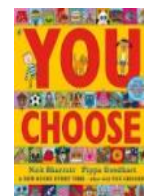


21st April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! We hope you had a good Easter. We just don't know where this year has gone! It was lovely to be able to share the progress children have made this year during our Parents Evenings at the end of term and children will build on this progress as we move into our final term in Reception.

We started off our term on Monday, looking at our 'No Outsiders' book called 'You Choose'. It is based on a story about making choices, realising that everyone's choices are different, and that we all have a reason for making a choice. This is also going to support our ongoing theme of respect; being respectful to others and valuing other's opinions. We will be revisiting areas in our classroom; we shall share ideas about what we can do there, and learn how to value the areas in which we are working. For example, if a child says they would like to work in the creative area, they need to have an idea of what their final product will be, which materials they will use, and have an idea of how to progress. Our aim is to inspire the children and get them to take a real pride in the choices that they are making.



This term, we are moving onto a topic of 'Growth'. We will be planting our own seeds and look after them as they start to grow. We will be using the story of 'The Extraordinary Gardener', to support our work here. We are going to create a 'growing' art display of plants and flowers. We will be going back to adapt our work to make the plants 'grow'. As we move through the term and learn about 'minibeasts', we will be creating various insects to add to it too.



We will be continuing our White Rose Maths work and are now moving onto numbers 11-20 and counting above 20. In our Read, Write, Inc work, children will be moving onto purple and pink books. We will be placing the purple or pink matching home reading books into book bags each week. Remember children will also have a story book to share and other 'reading book' to read at home each week. Please read all books at least 3 times a week and log the times you share the books with your children making comments if necessary. Reading books more than once gives children confidence to read by reinforcing the children's word recognition in reading books and language and story structure in the story books.

This is an important term for the children as they begin their transition into Key Stage 1. We have opportunities planned for the children to visit the Year 1 classroom for stories and for a "step up" day. There will also be opportunities for Reception to meet and help the new children who will be coming into school in September, as they make their visits to us. This is all very exciting for them!

After half term, we will be looking forward to other events such as our Sports Day, project week and our class assembly. This is always a special time you can share with us, as you will see how much your child has grown in confidence over the last year. We are also hoping to go on our first trip on a coach to 'Imagine That!' in Liverpool. This is a perfect place to take Reception children. Further details about these events will follow.



The weather sometimes gets very hot this term, please could you ensure that children have a sunhat and come with a long-lasting sunscreen on. It is important that they are protected from the sun. Also, please don't forget your child's named drinks bottle!



Don't forget if you have any concerns just pop into the office for an appointment for a quick chat, or we are usually available at the end of the school day.

Just to say, the children really seem to have 'grown up' over the Easter holiday. They really are a great class! They continue to gain in confidence every day, and we are extremely pleased with their progress.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Reception Team.