

Foundation Stage Summer 1 newsletter

Tapestry

Don't forget to keep checking back in with Tapestry to see your child's progress and any recent observations. You can use the next steps on the observations to help support your child.

Don't Forget...

- Warm waterproof coats. Although the weather is heating up slightly, please remember that your child must come to school with a waterproof coat **every-day** as we go outside in all weathers and the British weather can be unpredictable!
- Reading books and word pots. Please bring these in everyday.
- All About Me books back to school every Wednesday by the latest.

Keep an eye out for any messages in your child's book bag, on Class Dojo, on Tapestry or on our noticeboard. They could be important.



Dear Parents

What a busy half term we had! We held our Mother's Day Parade, had lots of fun celebrating Easter and also looked at many fun different celebrations around the world. We particularly enjoyed our class weddings and birthday parties!



Our theme for this half term will be **'Down at the bottom of the garden...'**



We will be...

Growing our own flowers, fruit and vegetables



Planting seeds

Investigating the growth of caterpillars



Hunting for minibeasts

Thinking about how to eat healthily



Gardening in the outside area

Visiting Bedfords Park



Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Laing and Mrs Leach



Home Reading:

Thank you to those of you who have been keeping the yellow diaries updated! Please remember that the reading journals need to be signed each week in order to have their books changed. If their journal is not signed, it will not be changed.

Don't forget about Bug Club! If you've lost your login details, please come and speak to us.

Snack

Sorry, it's that time again! Please remember to put your money into a named envelope before handing it to us.

Please write your child's name in **all their belongings** so that they don't get lost.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us. We are always happy to help and the best time to catch us is after school.

Please check your child's clothing regularly to make sure that they have not accidentally come home with someone else's uniform.

Keep an eye out for our Friday Challenges! They are designed to support your child's learning and also to be a fun activity at home. You can stick their work in to their All About Me books and we ask for these to be returned each Wednesday.

How can you help your child?

- * Find books at the library about minibeasts and growing
 - * Go on a minibeast hunt
- * Keep a garden diary, recording any changes in plants, weather and minibeasts
- * Look at different fruits, vegetables and seeds at the supermarket
 - * Grow plants or vegetables at home
 - * Visit a garden centre

Important dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 30th April—Trip to Bedfords Park
- Friday 3rd May—EYFS Parent workshop
- Friday 17th May—Ash Class assembly
- Friday 14th June—Dads to School day
- Friday 5th July—Larch Class assembly

If your child does any of these things then please include evidence in their 'All about Me ' book (photos, evidence of work and writing)

How will we be supporting your child?

Personal, Social and Emotional development:

We will be working together as part of a group and as a class, helping one another and caring for each other and the minibeasts that we find.

Communication and Language:

We will be asking the children to answer “how?” and “why?” questions about what they have observed.

Physical Development:

Luke will continue to work with the children during their PE sessions. We'll be using gardening tools in the outside area effectively and with good control.

Literacy:

We will be looking at writing on the line and extending our sentences.

Mathematics:

We will be beginning to solve problems including doubling, halving and sharing. We will also continue to solve addition and subtraction problems by putting the big number in our heads and counting on or back using our fingers.

Understanding the world:

We will be making observations of plants and animals and talking about their changes.

Expressive arts and design:

We will be continuing our work on changing music and also creating minibeast artwork.

Practice at home...

- Letter sounds **and names**
- Reading **as much as you can.**
- Zips and laces
- Writing sentences
- Adding and subtraction numbers under 20
- Writing numbers to 20

The following items would be useful this term if you no longer want them:

- Gazebo
- Parasol
- Gravel/ pebbles
- Seeds, bulbs and plants
- A garden bench
- Any garden resources you don't want anymore!
- Bikes without stabilisers
- Railway sleepers