



# Reception Class Newsletter

## Summer 1: 08/04/24 - 24/05/24

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! We cannot believe how quickly this year is going. We are so proud of all the children as they continue to make great individual progress. We hope you have all had a relaxing break and are ready for our busy summer term!

**Reading:** Thank you for your continued support with reading. Your child may be heard to read on any day and will take part in our ERIC reading every day so **please ensure they bring their book bag to school each day**. We are also continuing to listen to children read in their groups at least twice a week.

**Prime Areas:** This term we will be learning how to cross roads safely in PSHCE and come up with some important rules. In P4C we will be looking at how everyone is special and developing our mutual respect for each other.

**RE:** In RE, our topic is Special Places. We will look at St. John's church and why it is an important place for Christians.

**English:** This half term our topic is focussing on amazing animals. Our topic starts with the 'Gruffalo' and we are looking forward to our trip to Nell Bank on **Wednesday 24th April** where we will go in search of the 'Gruffalo' and other characters from the book. We will then look at the story of the 'Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We will be planning a tea party for the tiger and finding out facts about tigers. Finally, we will read the story 'Oi! Get off our train', where we will explore persuasive writing and find out about endangered animals.



**Tiger Who Came to Tea, Tea Party:** On **Friday 10th May**, we will be enjoying a 'Tiger Who Came to Tea', tea party. The children will write their own party lists, write instructions to make sandwiches and enjoy a picnic lunch. On that day, we are inviting children to come into school dressed as a tiger. We appreciate you may not have any tiger costumes at home, so this can be an orange t-shirt, animal top, an orange head band etc...

**Maths:** In Mathematics, the children are exploring numbers up to 20. We will explore the composition of teen numbers and explore how they are made of a 'ten' and some 'ones'. The children will also learn to count in tens and continue number sequences as well as doubling and halving numbers to 10. We will continue to explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

**Understanding the World:** Linked to our English focus, we will be finding out about animals and their habitats. We will look at endangered animals and how we can help protect these animals.

**Expressive Arts and Design:** This half term, we will continue to develop our skills mixing colours using powder paints. We will enjoy a range of animal craft activities, making animal masks, animal patterns and 3D animals and animal collages. We will also be making rubbish monsters so would welcome any recycling we can add to our junk modelling area.

**Music:** This term we will be learning some new songs and choosing instruments to accompany each song.

**PE:** This will be on a Wednesday for RM and Thursday for RPM. Please come to school wearing your PE kit on these days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Morgan, Mrs McCaul and Miss Perry.