



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the Spring break and are all ready for the Summer Term in Reception. Below is a brief overview of our summer term curriculum, some events taking place this term and important day to day information. Please also see the attached curriculum map for more details about what your child will be learning.

If any of you have any expertise in any of the areas we are learning about or would like to come in one day to read a story to their child's class, please let us know.

### **Our Curriculum**

Our topic for the first half of the Summer Term is entitled, "**Once Upon a time**"- we will be enjoying the stories of *Zog* by Julia Donaldson and the traditional story of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. We will be focussing especially on story characters, setting and the structure of stories by retelling familiar stories and creating our own. We will also be enjoying other curriculum links such as drawing and making dragons.

The second half of the term our topic will be "**In Our Magical Garden**". Our core texts will be *Superworm* by Julia Donaldson, *The Magical Garden of Claude Monet* by Laurence Anholt and *Aaaarrgghh! Spider!* by Lydia Monks. These books will provide an opportunity to learn more about plants and animals as well as find out about the work of French artist Claude Monet.

As part of our topic enrichment, we will have three visits to Westbere Copse towards the end of June to enjoy Forest School activities. More details will follow but we will be needing lots of parents to accompany us with these sessions!

In June, Avon (June 15<sup>th</sup>) and Lily (21<sup>st</sup> June) classes will each be performing an assembly for parents to share some of the learning from their Reception year. More details will follow soon.

**Phonics** We will be continuing with daily phonics following the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Scheme phase 4*.

**Maths** We will continue to follow the NCETM Mastering Number scheme for the Summer Term (see curriculum map).

### **PE/Art**

PE and Art this term will continue to be on **Thursday mornings**. Please send your child to school wearing jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers so that they can move easily in the PE lessons.

### **Home Learning**

#### **Phonics**

The children will continue to receive phonics homework on a Friday. This should be completed and returned to school by the following **Thursday**.

#### **Reading at Home**

It is **vital** that children are practising their **reading at home**. Please set aside 10 minutes for reading **every day** if possible. Regular reading of their books will help your child to build confidence, skills and fluency. New books are given out on a Friday.

**Please ensure that all reading books and reading records are handed back on a **Thursday****. We have a limited number of books for each set of sounds and it makes the task of redistributing them extremely challenging if they are returned late or not at all.

The children will continue to be able to choose a picture story book from the classroom library for you to read to them **providing that they have returned their previous book**. Please ensure that all class library books are returned.

**General Information**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **9 o'clock and registers close at 9:05am**. Gates are open from 8.50am. At the end of the day, gates for the Reception classes open at **3:20pm**, please ensure that you are on time to collect your child and let the school know if there are any changes to collection arrangements for your child.

West Hampstead Primary School is a healthy school. Please provide a **healthy packed lunch** if your child has one. Your child should also bring in a **labelled water bottle**.

Thank you for your continued support. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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