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'Aim high, prepare to achieve'

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Dear parents/carers,

Please find below an overview of reception topics this half term, including some links and activities which can be completed at home. Busy Bees will have forest school this half term every Monday.

Key Dates for the Diary:

8th May – Ugly Bug Ball at 2:15pm

21st May – Animal Encounter experience within school

22nd and 23rd – VE Day Celebrations

Reception Overview – Summer 1

<u>Maths:</u> Through our White rose math lessons, we will be exploring numbers to 20 and beyond this half term. This will look at the composition of numbers beyond 10, verbal counting beyond 10, number ordering and making numbers with objects. We will then be looking at addition and subtraction with these numbers. We will be starting to have an arithmetic focus each week where we will be reviewing: one more and one less with numbers to 10 and odd and even numbers.	<u>Phonics:</u> Pupils will be continuing their Read, Write, Inc journey by beginning learning our set 2 sounds. We are now focusing on blending CVC words to help us with our reading and writing. We are also looking at our red words which can be seen below, we are looking at reading and writing these words. <u>Set 2 Sounds</u> ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, oo, ar, or, air, ir, ou, oy <u>Red Words</u> the, a, do, to, of, said, was, is, his, has, I, you, no, go, so, be, he, me, she, we, by, my, one, once, put, they, your, here, there, where, love, come, some, put, push, pull, full
<u>Literacy:</u> This term in Literacy we will be continuing with our previous topic 'Ready, Steady, Grow' where we will be continuing to look at animals including insects with a focus on Farm animals. We will also be exploring plants and food growth. Through our writing we will be writing shopping lists, instructions and some descriptions. Within our writing we are now looking at including some finger spaces and full stops in our sentences.	<u>Communication and Language:</u> This half term we are looking at developing our question knowledge by asking 'what' and 'why' questions linked with all areas of our learning. We are also developing our ability to answer questions in full sentences. This will allow us to show further understanding of subject knowledge and will support us with writing in full sentences.
<u>Understanding the World:</u> Through RE we are going to be following the Jigsaw scheme of work, this half term's theme is 'Story time' where we will be exploring what we can learn from stories? Throughout our topic work we are continuing to look at animals by exploring farm life further including planting and growing.	<u>Expressive Arts and Design:</u> This half term will be spending time looking at the changes in the garden with the flowers. We will look at painting flowers using different types of paint. We are also going to be looking at still life drawings, as well as creating nature pictures.
<u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development:</u> We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term we are looking at 'Relationships' which will be exploring our friendships. We will explore 'What makes a good friend?' and also look at how to manage conflict. Throughout this we will be making references to one of the key school values 'respect'.	<u>Physical Development:</u> Within PE we are going to be developing ball skills by looking at throwing, catching, kicking and rolling a ball with control. This is will be explored individually as well as within groups and teams. We will be playing some team games linked with this.

Many Thanks, The Reception Team