



F2 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break. The children have come back excited to start our new topics in the Summer Term.

Topic

This half term we are focusing on our big question 'Are we there yet?'. We will be looking at journeys near to where we live and journeys around the world. We will be reading a variety of stories such as *On the way home* (Jill Murphy), *My Granny went to market* (Stella Blackstone) and *Handa's Surprise* (Eileen Brown). We will also be learning about what life looks like in this country and around the world and the different habitats where animals live around the world.

After the half term break, we will move our learning onto a new question 'How do things work? We will explore and learn about growing plants, lifecycles of frogs and butterflies, being healthy and how we can look after our bodies. We will look at stories such as *Jasper's Beanstalk* (Nick Butterworth) and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (Eric Carle).

Phonics

This term, we will be consolidating our learning of Phase 3 graphemes and beginning to learn Phase 4 words. We will be applying our segmenting and blending skills to continue reading words and also more complex captions. We will also be focusing on segmenting to spell and using this knowledge to write sentences. We will be sending home the Phase 4 Letters and Sounds Home Learning sheets and Tricky words to help support learning at home.

Reading

We will continue to read three times a week with the children. Your child will be given a book linked to the sounds that they are confident with. We aim for children to be able to read independently, fluently and have a good understanding of what they have read through answering questions around the text before moving onto the next level. An opportunity to change their reading for pleasure book will take place weekly.

Remember to read at least 3 times a week and record this in your child's reading diary to enable them to develop their fluency and love of reading!

Maths

Children will consolidate their counting skills, counting to larger numbers and developing a wider range of counting strategies as well as counting actions and sounds. They will explore a range of representations of numbers, including the 10-frame and see how doubles can be arranged in a 10-frame. The children will begin to compare quantities and numbers, including sets of objects which have different attributes. They will continue to develop a sense of magnitude, e.g. knowing that 8 is quite a lot more than 2, but 4 is only a little bit more than 2. The children will begin to generalise about 'one more than' and 'one less than' numbers within 10 and they will continue to identify when sets can be subitised and when counting is necessary. This term they will start to develop conceptual subitising skills when using a rekenrek.

Class Dojo

We love sharing what the children have been doing on Class Story. We have also enjoyed receiving messages about what the children have been doing at home.

Numbots

We are very excited to inform you that we have subscribed to *Numbots*. This is an online game to support your child's addition and subtraction skills. We will be sending out letters, how to guides and individual children's username labels attached to their reading diary.

Summer Trip

This term we will be taking the children on an exciting trip. We are so excited for this upcoming visit. It will support our topic on how things grow. Details and payment information will be sent out in a separate letter soon.

Uniform and belongings:

Please ensure your child's uniform and belongings are all labelled with their first and last name so that in the unfortunate case that something is lost, we can identify the owner and return it to them.

With the warmer weather approaching the children will be playing in the water area outside more. Can we please ask for a change of pants, socks and trousers/skirt to be put or left in the children's school bags as we run out very quickly. If you have any spare pants, socks, skirts and trousers we would appreciate any donations.

Questions and queries:

If you have any questions or queries and are unable to talk to your child's teacher directly, please email office@berryhill.notts.sch.uk or send a message on your child's Class Dojo page and your child's teacher will get back to you as soon as possible.

We hope your child has a great final term in Foundation Stage 2.

Thank you,

The Foundation Stage 2 Team.