

# Reception Newsletter



## Summer 1

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Havannah First School! We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. We have had a brilliant first week in our new school! We are delighted with how well the children have settled into the new school and routines. The children, as ever, showed great enthusiasm for our People Who Help us and Animal topics last half term. We have more exciting topics in Reception this term starting with our 'Let's Grow!' topic followed by 'Magnificent Minibeasts'. We are very excited about our special delivery of caterpillars and we can't wait to observe and learn about growth and life cycles!



### **Let's Grow! and Magnificent Minibeasts:**

This term our topics are 'Let's grow!' and 'Magnificent Minibeasts'. We will be reading stories including; 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Tuesday' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will write instructions when planting a magic bean, as well as writing about what we might find at the top of our own imaginary beanstalk.

We will be planting our own seeds and observing them as they grow in our outdoor investigation area. We will talk about what plants need to grow. We will also be observing caterpillars as they grow and change in our minibeast investigation lab.

We will observe plants and flowers and make detailed drawings of what we can see. We will also look at the work of Henri Matisse and create our own spiral snail pictures.



### **Reading:**

Our book change days will be staying the same this half term. We will change books every Thursday. Many of you who asked us at parents' evening how you could help your child at school will recall that we said if you have time for nothing else, read. Listening to your child read, as well as reading stories to them will not only help them with their reading skills but will develop their language skills which will also help them to make progress with their writing. Your help with this makes a big difference and we really appreciate your support. Hearing children read one to one as well as in groups is vital in supporting children to make progress with their reading. If you think that you could support us in school by offering some time each week to hear readers one to one, then please let your child's class teacher know and we can give you further information. Many thanks for your continued support.



### Hall Hill Farm

We thoroughly enjoyed our first school trip to Hall Hill Farm last half term. The children loved feeding and handling the different animals. It was a great way to consolidate our learning for the half term. We look forward to the Summer term in Reception which is sure to be busy and full of exciting learning opportunities.



### PE

PE days will be staying the same this half term. Please ensure your child has a fully named PE Kit in school throughout the week.

#### **PE DAYS FOR BOTH CLASSES:**

**Monday**

**Friday**

### Stay and Play

We are very excited to be able to invite one parent/carer per child for a Stay and Play session on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. You will have the opportunity to spend time with your child at the start of the Reception day and enjoy exploring and joining in with different activities in their learning environment. More information will follow via Tapestry.



Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch either by ringing or emailing the school office, who will pass on your queries or alternatively, leave us a message on Tapestry and we will get back to you.

With your continued support, I am sure that we will have another successful and exciting half term ahead of us.

Best Wishes,  
The Early Years Team