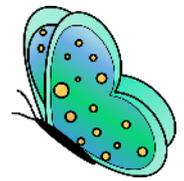




## Butterfly and BumbleBee Class Newsletter



### A note from Mrs Hodgkinson and Miss Newbury

We hope you had a good Easter holiday and the children are glad to be back at school. We are looking forward to an exciting half term especially our first trip out on a coach to the Wildlife Park. Please read below themes and subjects we will be working on this half term.

**Literacy** - we will recap the letters of the alphabet and will continue to learn when to use capital letters. The children will revise digraphs (2 letters 1 sound) and trigraphs (3 letters 1 sound). ch, th, sh, ng, ai, ee, oo, oa, ar, igh

new sounds may also include or, ur, ow, oi

We are encouraging the children to use these digraphs to write simple sentences independently. We will be writing to the zoo to send a pet, we will use sentences to describe animals for others to guess, we will write about our trip to the Wildlife Park. Lots of practise at home will help the children to develop fluency and confidence in their reading and writing.

We will look at non-fiction books to investigate our topic and develop the children's vocabulary to describe animals.

**Maths** - We will be continuing our number work around using ten frames and numicon. The children will continue to investigate numbers 6-10, how they are made up of other numbers eg. 8 is made up of 4 and 4, 5 and 3, 6 and 2 etc. We will work on having instant recognition of some number bonds to 10.

We will be investigating equal amounts and the problems of sharing fairly eg. making playdough biscuits to share between 3 people, investigating numbers that cannot be shared fairly between amounts. We will revise odd and even numbers.

We will learn more about 2d and 3d shapes which will include cone, cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder and develop the children's ability to talk about why they have chosen shapes within models and pictures. We will talk about the faces, sides, edges, corners etc of shapes.



**PE** - The children have loved gymnastics and we are now moving the PE sessions to outside (weather permitting). The children will need PE bags on Thursday as usual. They will need shorts, leggings or joggers, a t-shirt and a jumper or sweatshirt for colder weather. They will need trainers, please avoid laces if possible. We will be practising a range of ball skills and introduce team games.



## Our next topic is Fantastic Beasts

We are looking forward to our visit to the Wildlife Park. Please make sure payments are made.

As part of the topic the visit will help us when learning about different animals, their features and habitats. Our challenge for the topic will be to work as part of a small group to investigate and design their own Fantastic Beasts. We will then work together to create a make-believe animal.



**Past and Present** - The children will be given opportunity to look at pictures and artefacts from the past and talk about how they are different from things they know and use today.



Please ask if you have any questions or queries,



The Reception Team