

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We can hardly believe that the children are beginning their final term in Reception! They have come so far in the past two terms, and we are looking forward to the exciting activities we have planned for the forthcoming Summer Term.

With the warmer weather in mind, it is important that your child brings in their water bottle each day. We would advise that you provide your child with a sun hat too - clearly named. The children are allowed to bring sun creams into school, however they will need to be able to apply it themselves as staff

are not authorised to do this. Please label bottles clearly with your child's name and class.

The topic for this Half Term is 'Let's Pretend'. During this topic we will be re-enacting different traditional stories and rhymes, and focussing on the story events, characters and the language of stories. Our focus stories will be Goldilocks and the Three bears, Little Red Hen and 'Jack and the beanstalk.

In Maths we will continue to develop the children's number knowledge consolidating our number knowledge to 20. We will be learning how these numbers can be broken down and why the teen numbers start with a one. We will continue our learning on number bonds to 10, repeated patterns and shape.

The children are really enjoying sharing their books with us. This term we are introducing Guided Reading sessions, and we will be encouraging the children to develop their comprehension skills and think carefully about the themes in stories. We will indicate that a child has read during a Guided Reading session in their reading record and at the end of the half term will read individually with each child to

assess their progress. We will now be collecting in their reading books and records every **Monday** and returning a new book every **Tuesday** meaning you have the book over the weekend for extra reading practise. Please continue to read as much as you at home. A little each day can have a huge impact on their learning.

In writing we are continuing to teach the children how to form their letters correctly as we revise the letter sounds. Please continue to practise this at home. They love using chalks or painting their letters with water outside with us!

Please remember if you have any concerns or queries; please do speak to your child's Class Teacher and fill out lots of WOW moments to show the learning you are doing at home.

We look forward to making your child's last term in Year R a memorable and exciting one.

Yours sincerely,

Ellen Kennedy Squirrel Class



Sarah Vogt Otter Class









