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Summer Term 1 in Class R

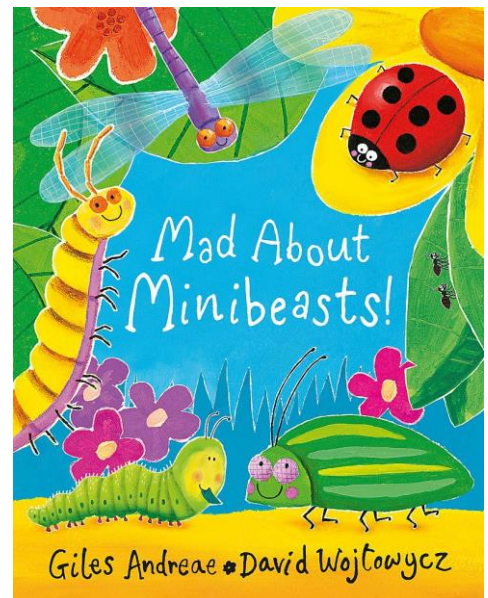


The children's smiles and enthusiasm and a splatter of sunshine have ensured a warm welcome back to school for the beginning of our Summer Term in Class R. We hope that you had a lovely Easter break and have had the opportunity to enjoy some of the people and activities that you appreciate as a family.

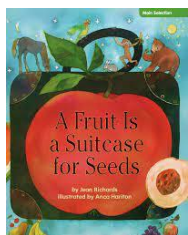
Our whole school theme, this half term, is 'Heritage'. In EYFS our topic is 'The Circle of Life' which will consider how things can be old and new; how things grow and how things change over time.

We climbed aboard our journey this week by exploring changes around our school - we looked for new things and old things in the playground. We warmly welcomed our new teaching assistant, Mrs Newton, who joined our current EYFS team of Mrs Needham, Mrs Gregory, Mrs Hull and myself. We spotted the beautiful blossom on the trees, the brightly coloured tulips and some bluebells that had popped up in the middle of the grass! I shared a special old jewellery pot from my Nanna's dressing table and talked about how old objects can bring such lovely memories; the children told one another about some special objects that they have at their house too.

Next week, we will share a lovely rhyming book called 'Mad about Minibeasts' by Giles Andreae. We will go on our own minibeast hunt on Welly Wednesday and look for life in hidden places! We're hoping for a special delivery too - so watch this space!



During the term, we will explore the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', for some a familiar book, for some a brand-new story. We will use this book to explore the lifecycles of butterflies and moths, as well as enhance our vocabulary and story retelling skills.



We will also be working in our 'Sow and Grow Garden Centre' - we will be busy planting vegetable and flower seeds; we will look after them and watch them grow and hopefully enjoy some of the fresh produce later on in the Summer term.



During the term, we will be learning about King Charles III and how he has two birthdays a year!

Our Number work will focus on adding and subtracting and looking at numbers beyond 20. Please continue to support your child at home by counting real objects and



talking about numbers in everyday situations - for example numbers on registration plates, doors and in books. Lots of work on pattern, shapes and measuring will also be developed this term.

We will continue to focus on the three prime areas - Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development - where we will encourage lots of collaboration and negotiation as well as building the children's ability to ask questions and have a two-way conversation where they build upon what someone has said to them.



Our creativity will be inspired by exploring the vibrant colours of different butterflies. We will use different techniques to create collages and stain glass window effects, as well as singing lots of different songs and nursery rhymes about minibeasts, plants and royalty!

An element of our planning will continue to be driven by your children's interests and reactions to the stories and the learning that they do. We will continue to plan and work within the seven areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) with a focus on the PRIME AREAS - Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional development - helping each individual child to develop, learn, grow and flourish from the point of where they are on their journey.





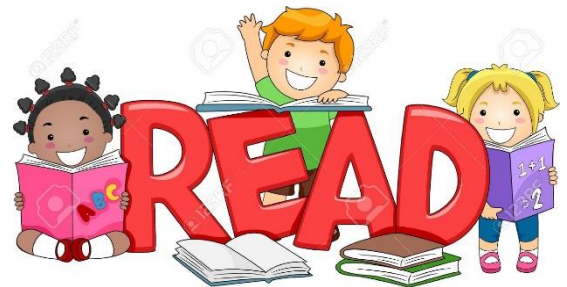
Story time will continue to be a treasured experience for all our children, and we have lots of beautiful books to listen to and share with a focus on minibeasts, growing and royalty.

Welly Wednesday

Our fully stocked Mud Kitchen may mean that wellies and puddle suits are used a little more often this term! Welly Wednesdays will continue to focus on our local environment as the seasons change, as well as focus on teamwork and collaboration in our growing and planting area. Your child has been working hard to think about when they need to wear aprons, overalls, puddle suits, wellies, helmets and gloves to protect themselves and their clothes.

Reading

Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading development and encouraging their love of reading for life. It has such a huge impact on your child's progress when you support their journey at home; lots of practice really builds those early reading and language skills.



Last term, Mr Fearn sent a letter home regarding the new phonics scheme which we have started to use in school with your child. This Friday, your child will bring home their reading book from The Little Wandle reading scheme which will support their current phonics work in class. Changing books will look a little different from then on - we will be swapping your child's book once a week (a Friday) and we would like them to practise it with you as much as possible in that week (3 times at a minimum please). The aim of this is for your child to increase their fluency with reading each word on the page so that they are no longer segmenting and blending but recognising the word as a whole. You will find prompts at the front and back of the books which give ideas to talk about. Later in the term, we will be inviting parents and carers into school to find out more about our new phonics scheme and the partnership with school and home in terms of the reading books. Each Monday, your child will also bring home a book from the classroom library to share together; this one may be changed as often as your child would like during the week. Please do come and speak to me if you have any questions.

PE days



PE lessons will to be on a **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY** morning. Please send your child in their PE kit on these days - if chilly, please ensure they have something warm on, as your child will be accessing outside during learning time and at lunchtimes. This term, we will be looking at lots of ball skills and games we can play with them.

Snack time, sunhats and cream



Children are encouraged throughout the day to drink from their water bottle and keep hydrated. **Thank you for supporting us with our water only policy which promotes and supports oral hygiene.** Something to try if your child is reluctant to drink water is to store their bottle in the fridge overnight so that it is ice cold or pop some ice cubes or slices of fresh orange and lemon into it.

Cool Milk continues to provide our fresh milk and is free if your child is 4. Once your child is 5 and they would like to continue to have milk, then you will need to sign your child up to the milk scheme. This half term our fruit selection will include pears, carrots, apples, oranges, bananas and tomatoes. Please feel welcome to send your child with a fruit snack if they prefer a different fruit or vegetable. Just one snack per day is sufficient thank you. If you are sending grapes, please cut them in half.

As the weather warms up and the sun starts to become more permanent, please send your child with a named sunhat. Please apply any sun cream before school rather than sending your child with their own bottle please.

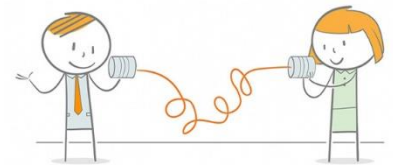
Communication

Talking and communicating continues to be extremely important and high priority in supporting your child's learning journey. Please continue to contact the school office for all personal correspondence, including illness, absence or a request for me to phone you:

Email: info@richardson.derbyshire.sch.uk

Telephone: 01332 880317.

You can of course also write us a message in your child's reading diary as we endeavour to read these daily.



We will continue to share our Class R learning on our school website and on Google Classroom <https://richardsonendowed.co.uk/>



Please upload any TEDDY TALES to Google Classroom - the children love to share these in class. If you have anything old or new to share with us during this term or something that grows, this would be lovely to see. Any visits, proud moments or celebrations are always lovely to share on a Friday afternoon too.



Thank you so much.

Enjoy your weekend together. See you on Monday!

Mrs Reckless (Class teacher) Mrs Hull (TA) Mrs Gregory (HLTA) Mrs Needham (TA) and Mrs Newton (TA)