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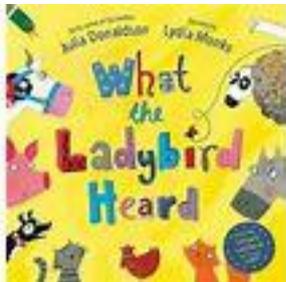
Summer Term 2 in Class R



What a lovely first week back at school! The children have settled into their final half term in Class R with enthusiasm, lots of energy and exciting questions. Thank you for all the named sunhats, cold water and applied sun cream, as well as the summer jackets, as these have helped us to fully embrace the intermittent weather that we have been blessed with this week.

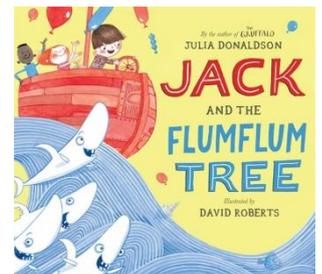


Our whole school theme, this half term, is 'Our World and Beyond' - we will discover more about our local area as well as find out about Planet Earth and beyond.

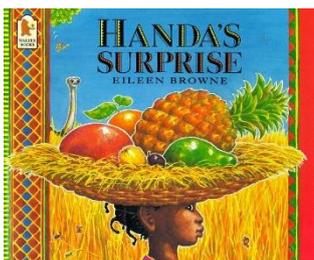
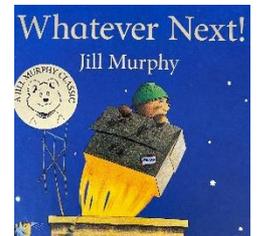


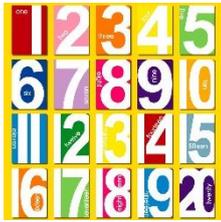
We have started this week by reading 'What the Ladybird heard' by Julia Donaldson, looking at maps and how they help us to find our way. We've also enjoyed our fabulous trip to Bluebell Farm!

During this term, we will look at transport and holidays and we will set sail with the book Jack and the Flumflum Tree as we join him on his travels.



We will also be reading 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy and use this as a stimulus to visit a space topic and follow the children's interests with astronauts, aliens and the planets in our Solar System. Our final shared text for this half term will be 'Handa's Surprise', where we will explore the landscape and culture of Africa. Each book will allow development across all seven areas of the EYFS curriculum incorporating creativity, music, literacy, communication and language, mathematics, personal and social development, knowledge and understanding of our world and physical development.





Our number work will look at doubling, sharing objects in two equal groups, naming 2D and 3D shapes, spatial awareness as well as spotting and creating patterns. 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.

Special request

If you have any empty butter or margarine containers, please send them into school. Please could you also send your child with an empty cylindrical tube, complete with the lid, for a music project we will be doing at the beginning of July. Thank you in advance.



Welly Wednesday

'Welly Wednesday' will welcome Summer; we will think about keeping safe in the sunshine as well as enjoying all the things that summer brings. We will look at the beautiful dandelions, buttercups and daisies that grow in our school field, as well as the bluebells in the hedgerows. We will also think how important it is to put our litter in the bin and to look after our environment.

Reading

Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading development. 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. We ask that your child continues to read their school book at least **3 times a week** for about 5 minutes each time.



Please keep practising the **tricky and high frequency words** - it really is making such a difference to their work at school. We are now starting to write them in our sentences. I have uploaded these onto Google Classroom too. Please continue to help your child to practise their letter formation, using the resource that I have uploaded onto

Goggle Classroom - thank you.

PE days



PE lessons will continue to be on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. Please send your child in their PE uniform on these days - Thursday's lesson will be outdoors (weather permitting), so please ensure they have a sunhat and sun cream on please.

If your child has earrings, please make sure these are taken out at home. Our policy is not to allow them to be covered with tape.

Transition to Year 1

This year has certainly flown by and it's that time of year where we start to think about moving on in our children's learning journey and preparing them for the transition to Year 1. We have started to talk about this in class and my team and I will work with your child in the next seven weeks so that your child is as confident as they can be to allow a smooth transition.

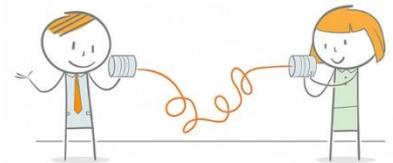
We have planned for the children to have a transition day later on in the term to meet their new teacher and see their new classroom. Please have your child's Teddy in their book bags each day, as the teddies need to get ready for their exciting move too - thank you.

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.

Please upload any TEDDY ADVENTURES to Google Classroom for our Friday Show and Tell.



Thank you so much for your continued support, please contact us, should you have any questions.

Here's to our Summer Term in the sunshine!

Mrs Reckless and the EYFS team