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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception – Term 6 – Curriculum Letter

As we come to the close of another term, we are delighted with the children’s commitment to enhancing their attitudes towards learning and have yet again been incredibly fortunate to see many children heading out on exciting trips and visits. Notably, our Bee Keeping club proudly showcased their skills at the Devon County Show, while our very own Mr. Meredith had the honour of representing us at the prestigious King's Garden Party. As we celebrate these achievements and bid farewell to another term, we extend our gratitude to you all for your continued support and look forward to what Term 6 has to offer.

Next term, we will launch our new area of study, ‘**Growing and Changing**’ where the children will learn all about lifecycles, including their own. They will be thinking about the progress they have made during their time in Reception and preparing for the next stage of their learning journey in Year 1.



In **Reception**, the children will be able to:

- Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary
- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps
- Plant seeds and care for growing plants
- Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal
- Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things
- Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them
- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.

At the end of this term, the children will use their knowledge to answer our enquiry question: **What do all living things have in common?**

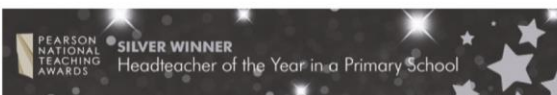
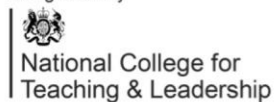
In **Literacy**, the children will continue to engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary and recalling key events from a text. They will continue to use their print and letter knowledge to add captions and simple sentences to their learning. Please encourage your child to practise writing captions and simple sentences at home, supporting them to start their sentence with a capital letter, use finger spaces and finish it with a full stop. Next term, our focus texts are **The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Jack and the Beanstalk and Dear Teacher.**



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In **Maths**, the children will be exploring **Measures** by comparing different aspects such as weight, length, and volume, as a preliminary to using units later to compare. They will find something that is longer/shorter or heavier/lighter than a given reference item and pour from one container to another to find which holds more or find one that is the same. They will begin to use time to sequence events and begin to experience specific time spans in order to start to develop an overall sense of time.

Learning at Home

In Reception, the homework expectations include reading **at least five times a week** and practising a **weekly set of sounds** using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to **complete one Curriculum task** from their Home Learning Menu. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. Tapestry will be available for Home Learning support and your child's Home Learning Menu will be uploaded at the beginning of Term 6. Please continue to share learning at home on Tapestry. It has been great celebrating your child's efforts and sharing their learning at home in school.



PE next term will continue to be on a **Tuesday** for RAF, RLR and REB. As we will be studying **Ball Skills** in PE, lots of the sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has an appropriate PE kit and a water bottle. As the days become warmer, a hat and sun cream are also advised. Please could we remind all children that the appropriate PE kit, must be worn. **Children are not permitted to wear substitute clothing such as football kits, hoodies etc for their PE kits.**

We have lots to look forward to in Term 6 including Our Library Grand Opening, Outdoor Classroom Day, Sport's Day and new to 2024, our first ever, ECS FEST! Therefore, do keep an eye on our school Facebook Page and your Xpression inboxes. We look forward to seeing the children back on **Wednesday 5th June** ready for Term 6.

Have a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes,
Miss. L Rockey & Miss. E Barnes
Class Teachers

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