



Reception Newsletter

Welcome back and we hope you all had a fantastic Easter break. This term our topic is People who help us and we are very fortunate to be receiving visits from West Berkshire Ambulance trust and Newbury Police.

It is a very busy term with bank holidays, long weekends, sports day and a school trip ahead of us. Children settled back into school well on Wednesday. On Thursday all the children and staff from Ridge House participated in the school's first Toddle Waddle raising money for The Meningitis Trust Charity. So far we have managed to raise £400 with sponsorship still coming in. A big thank you for all your support and those who participated on the day.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Selects and uses activities & resources independently.

Children will have the opportunity to access a wide range of activities and resources in the classroom and outside in the garden. A Dr's Surgery has been set up in our role play area and a home corner available in the nursery.

Problem Solving, Reasoning & Numeracy

Recognises and orders numbers 0-20.

Through focussed activities children will be encouraged to order numbers 0 to 20. Adults will then ask questions what number comes before 12? After 17? Between 9 and 11? What number is bigger than 18? Smaller than 13?

Creative Development

Creates simple representations of people.

The creative table will be set up with paper and paints for children to paint pictures of their families. Children will be encouraged to use the correct colour paints for facial features such as hair and eye colour. These paintings will then be put on display. Children will be supported to hold a paintbrush with control and coordination.

Communication, Language & Literacy

Writes own name & other words from memory.

In our focussed lessons we will be making books drawing pictures of people who help us in the home and writing a sentence using words that the children know how to write.

Knowledge & Understanding of the World

Investigates places identifies features & talks about likes & dislikes.

Through small group discussions children will be encouraged to explain and describe roles and responsibilities of family members in the home, like who does the washing up? Shopping? Who helps who?

Physical Development

Handles tools & malleable materials safely & with basic control.

Children will have the opportunity to access a wide range of activities and resources to develop control. Paintbrushes will be used in the creative area. Scissors and play dough will be available at the tactile table as well as a range of tools in the construction and sand area.

We have just created a digging patch in the garden so children will have the opportunity to use tools such as spades and forks.



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Dyslexia Screening

If you have not yet returned your dyslexia form can you please do so as soon as possible. For further details please refer to the school website and read the attached letter.

Outdoor Learning

We are collecting a wide range of equipment for our outdoor classroom can you help us?
We would like to make a water run and to make this possible we are collecting drain pipes and guttering.
All donations will be greatly received.

Phonics and Reading meeting

Parents are invited to phonics and reading meeting on Monday 16th May at 6.30pm. The meeting will take place in the library, followed by questions, tour of the new form 8 classroom and drinks. Teachers from each year group will give a brief introduction to how they teach phonics and reading. Members of the schools special needs team will also be there to answer any questions you may have.

Please feel free to repeat any of the activities listed to support your child's learning and development. If you have any questions with regards to your child's learning and development please see your child's teacher.

Notices

Toddle Waddle

Thank you for your support. We would greatly appreciate outstanding sponsorship money to be returned as soon as possible so that we can release the official amount and donate a cheque to The Meningitis Trust charity.

Sunhats & Sun cream

We are currently developing our outdoor learning area so children can use this to support their learning and development. Therefore we ask that you provide your child with a named sunhat and sun cream to be kept in their tray.

Dates

Tuesday 10th May School Photo
(School Uniform must be worn)

Monday 6th June Healthy Eating week

Thursday 9th June Nursery & Reception School trip to Millets Farm, Abingdon

Friday 10th June Ridge House picnic

Friday 1st July 10.30am Nursery & Reception Sports Day

