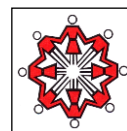




## Issue 9



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### ENVIRONMENTAL

At this time of year, the children are busy planting lots of different vegetable seeds as well as watering all of the gardens in this warm weather we are experiencing lately! Hopefully in the next couple of months, we should have a variety of plants for you to purchase from the office including tomatoes, runner beans, peppers, chilli and coriander.

We have also been busy pond dipping this term in the school pond and have been lucky enough to catch a number of newts enjoying a swim in the water! The children have been learning all about the creatures who live in our pond and have been fantastic at being kind to them.

On top of our recent shortlisting success for the TES sustainable school award, we were also approached by the Wildlife Trust to help them to create a small film to showcase their '30 Days Wild' campaign. This is a wonderful opportunity for us as a school that demonstrates just how well respected we are as an environmental school. The Wildlife Trust film will be linked to our school website as soon as it is completed.

### ATTENDANCE

The law treats some persistent lateness in the same way as irregular attendance and parents may be prosecuted by the Local Authority if late arrival is not resolved. Please be advised as a parent/carer of a child statutory school age, you have a legal responsibility to ensure full time education suitable to the child's age, ability and aptitude and any special educational needs the child may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise (Education Act 1996).

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY ON FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT THE NORMAL TIME. WISHING EVERYONE A RESTFUL AND SAFE BREAK.**

## NURSERY

Our topic in Nursery is 'Dear Zoo'. Please support your child to learn the names of different animals. Encourage your child to talk about the animals e.g. what do they look like? Where do they live? What sound do they make etc.? Our Dudley Zoo trip will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June for those who have paid. **Nursery will be closed for children who are not attending the trip on this day.**

As the weather gets warmer, please send your child with a cap or sun hat and remember to apply sun cream when the weather is hot. Please remember to write your child's name on their uniform.

Going home books are changed every Friday, please bring your child's book in on this day to be changed. Remember you can also take a book home from our swap shop but please remember to return it. Thank you for your continued support.

## RECEPTION

Reception have been learning lots of different things outside and enjoying the lovely weather. They have been measuring capacity, finding out how to move water in different ways and watering plants in the water play. The children have been talking about the weather, seasons and have been planting flowers and herbs. As part of learning about our story 'The Three Little Pigs' they have been using the large bricks to make houses and seeing if they can make them stronger! They have also made fantastic dens.

Thank you to all the parents who have come to our celebration assemblies where the children have been so excited to show off their fantastic work to you all. Red 1 will be showing some more of their work on 25<sup>th</sup> May, Red 2 on 8<sup>th</sup> June and R3 on the 15<sup>th</sup> June, please come along.

## YEAR ONE

The children have been working so hard this half term. We have been learning all about writing exciting newspaper reports. In Maths, we have been learning all about money and weight.

Next half term, we will be learning the story 'Where the Wild Things Are', ask your child what a wild thing is? What do they look like? Where do they live? We will also be learning about plants in the environment, can you find any interesting plants or trees in your garden or the park? Draw a picture and bring it for your teacher.

All of the children will be carrying out the phonics screening test in a few weeks, keep practising reading real and fake words at home as this will help to develop your child's learning further. Have a restful break and we will see you after half term!

## YEAR TWO

It has been a very busy term for the children in Year Two. They have learnt and adapted the story 'George and the Dragon'. They thought of new settings, characters and problems which could occur. The children have also begun to learn an explanation text explaining why dragons are extinct. Ask your children about all the new vocabulary that they have been learning. In topic we have been busy carrying out investigations about solids and liquids. The children thoroughly enjoyed making sundaes which involved them using jelly, ice cream, chocolate sauce and sprinkles.

In Maths, we have been busy preparing for the SATs by revising different strategies which helped us work out the answers to different calculations.