

# Nursery and Reception Newsletter April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break.

#### Nursery....

The topic in Nursery for the summer term will be "Farm Animals and Sea Creatures". These will include books such as Smiley Shark, Commotion in the Ocean, Farmer Duck, Rainbow Fish, Baa, moo, What can we do?

Can you please talk about the story of the week.

#### Literacy news......

The most important aspect of learning in the Early Years still begins with speaking and listening. Children are great with their listening and understanding skills. Some children have wonderful language and are very clear when answering questions put to them. We would encourage these children to use because/and in their sentences. Also we would up-level words used e.a. if they said "The big crocodile ate a boat" We would repeat back to them "The enormous crocodile ate a boat" Some children are still being supported with

their speech development. This is happening through daily speech and language group work. This will continue through a programme called 'box clever' which has started and is ongoing.

Children will continue to form letters using different types of media and materials. They will form letters on wipe boards with pens. They will also write their names in school. At the consultation day name cards were given to you so that your child could write their names at home. Please do this on a daily basis (5 minutes maximum). When your child is confident writing over their name please encourage them to write their name by themselves. Some children can already write their name on their own so well done for your input.

Please continue with RWI and maths activities given to you during the consultation day. As well as writing numbers 0-10

#### Reception ...

The topic in Reception for this half term will be "Superheroes" These will include books such as 'What is a superhero? My mum is a superhero, My dad is a superhero, Superhero Max, Superhero Daisy, DC super friends, How to save a superhero.

Children have already participated in activities linked to super heroes and will continue to do so for the rest of this term. We will be looking at how normal people can transform into super heroes and the features they have. This will link extremely well to EAD (drama, being imaginative and art activities). We will be promoting a variety of writing genres through super heroes.

They will be making super cakes as part of the topic and we will be looking at how we can make these at healthy. This will be linked to looking at healthy/ unhealthy foods and the impact they have on our bodies.

So if your child comes home telling you they think you should eat super foods, you know what they are talking about!

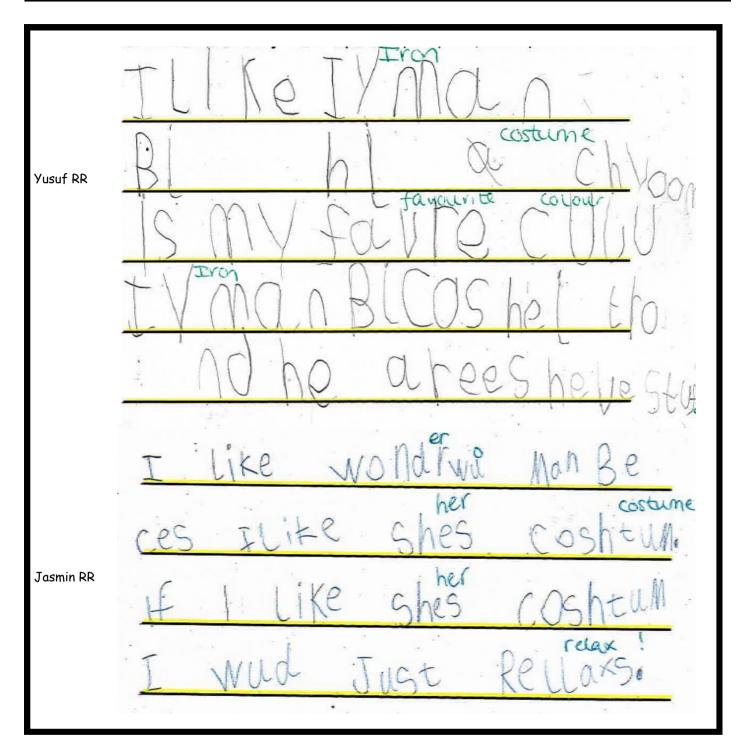
The teaching timetable in Reception has changed. Mathematic lessons will take place four mornings per week a UW/EAD/PE will happen on the fifth morning. Children will continue to have

writing incorporated into their UW/EAD afternoons as well as through RWI lessons. Although we have a more formal approach to our daily routine, it

is still **FUN** and full of **PRACTICAL** activities.

We would encourage you to continue a FUN approach when working with your child at home.

### A celebration of fantastic writing in Reception



#### **REMINDERS**

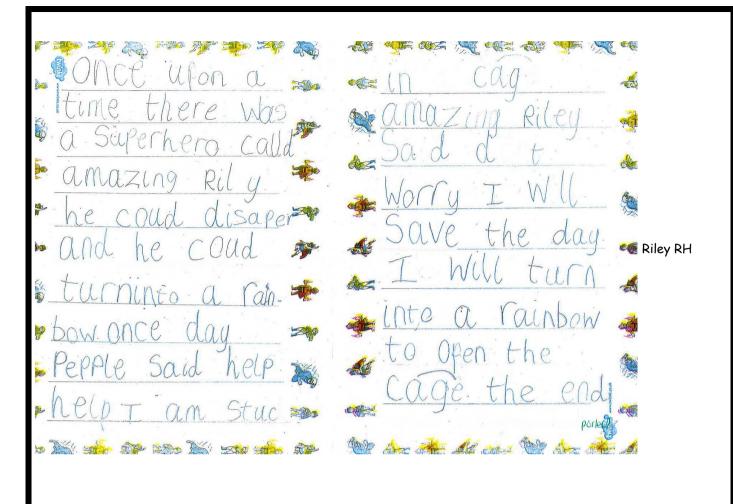
Please remember to ensure your child still comes to school appropriately dressed. The sun may be out but there is still a chill in the air. It is better to have layers to take off than none to put on!

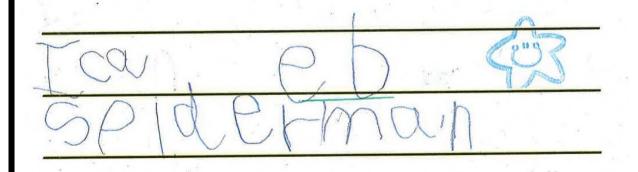
Nursery.... Bring back books on Monday

## Important events/dates for your diary...

End of Term- Friday 26th May
School opens—Tuesday 6th June
Monday 5th June—School closed for
staff training day
Reception Circus Trip - Fri 5th June

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