



Dear Parents/Guardians of YR
Children,

Our topics this term are minibeasts, pirates, seaside and castles. As part of our enrichment programme, Gribbly Bugs will visit school on 11th April, and we will also be visiting Tamworth Castle later in the month. (More information to follow).

During our 'Fantasy World' topic, there will be a day where the children will have the opportunity to dress up and take part in various activities. There will also be a magician in school during the afternoon.

You can help your children with their topic work by:

- Going on a minibeast hunt in the garden;
- Looking at some information books about the seaside in the library;
- By researching pictures and information about castles on the internet together;
- Reading age appropriate Pirate stories to them;
- Talking to your child about the things they have enjoyed doing over the weekend.
- Talking about growing and changes in plants.

We would again emphasise the importance of hearing your children read at home. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for looking after and returning their reading and library books to school.

Over the next few weeks we will be asking you to watch your children at home to inform our judgements about their progress. Please return any information by Friday 27th May. Then, during July you will be invited to attend an open evening to look at the work covered over the year and pick up your child's written report. (N.B – don't forget to fill in a 'wow' slip if your child does something he/she is proud of).

In September, the children will be moving into Year 1, where there will be a more structured learning environment. Some children find this a difficult move, as there are far fewer opportunities for free choice activities. We will be gradually moving towards a more formal day this term, in order to help prepare the children for the changes. However, with your help and support they will soon settle into the new routine with the Y1 teachers. The children will spend a day, Thursday 7th July, in their new classroom.

Thank you for all the support you have given to your child and the school over the past year – it is much appreciated.

Reception Teachers



Knowledge & Understanding

Butterfly life cycle
Planting and growing flowers
ICT – Type with Tizzy
Splosh – graphic program
Maths base
Textease Simple City
Magnets
Countries
Outdoor features

Literacy

News writing
Big book writing
Phonics
Story re-tells
Independent writing using word cards/prompts
Acting out stories/role play
Character descriptions
Non-fiction writing

Books

Hungry Caterpillar
Non-fiction books
A New House for a Pirate
Naughty Bus

**Pirates/Seaside
Growing
Minibeasts
Fantasy World
Castles
Transport**

Creative

Music
Painting
Colouring
Model making
Collage
Clay

Number

Addition/subtraction/more/less
Time: day/night
Days of the week
Missing number sums
Capacity
Symmetry
Counting in 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's
Problem solving
Money – recognising coins
Doubling
Halving

Physical

Athletics activities
Games – throwing/catching
bean bags, balls, quoits, hoops
Mask making
Puppet making

PHSE

News sharing
Keeping safe
Stranger Danger
Summer Fever