

**Our Topic this term ....** We have introduced the topic 'Animals' to the children this half term. The role play areas have been transformed into a 'Pet Shop'. The children will be learning all about different animals and will be discussing the environments where we might find animals e.g. the zoo, on a farm, in the ocean and in the jungle. We will use our phonic knowledge to write about our favourite pets and mini-beast riddles for our friends and teachers to solve. We will be talking about the pets we own or ones we have met before and will be discussing how we can keep animals healthy. They will be using these ideas in the 'veterinary surgery' small world area and applying their knowledge of coins in the 'pet shop'. If you have anything at home that would support their learning, please feel free to bring it in.



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## Reception Newsletter Summer Term 1 2024

We are now back from our Easter break ready for some fun learning this term. Thank you for your on going support.

Ms Ezinwa, Miss Donnelly, Ms Nye, Mrs Simpson-Ngo and Ms Nash.

## Important Dates

**Monday 22nd—Friday 26th April—**  
Computing Cafe  
**Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd May—**  
Reception Health Screening  
**Monday 6th May –** Bank Holiday  
**Friday 10th May—** Umbrella Fundraising project  
**Friday 17th May—**Godstone Farm School Trip  
**Thursday 23rd May—** Maths Calculation Event  
**Friday 24th May—**End of term

### Half term

27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May

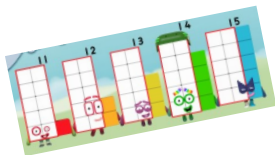


## As mathematicians we will be...

Continuing with our 'Number of the Week'- exploring and representing the numbers 11-20 in different ways. This term, we will be looking at spatial reasoning and using positional language as we use shapes to match and make arrangements.

Also, we will be deepening our understanding of patterns. In addition to all of this super learning, we will be recapping previous learning such as: counting, number bonds, addition and subtraction and finding more and less than a given number.

**Phonics** During our **phonic sessions** we will continue to learn all our phase 3 letters and sounds and the tricky words: be, she, he, was, is, we, my, you, are, all.



## Reception key information

- P.E takes place every Monday and Wednesday children will need to ensure they come to school in their full kit.
- Monkeys class outdoor session will take place every Thursday and Lions every Tuesday.
- Outdoor learning kits will be kept in school unless it needs to be sent home to be cleaned.

## How can you help at home?

- We would be grateful if you could donate £1 for our consumables that resource our messy and malleable play.
- Please could you write in your child's Reading Journal and bring in their book bags everyday so we can change their books, thank you.
- The children are making progress with their counting and number recognition. Continue to practise counting forwards backwards and up to 20 at home.
- Home learning challenge (optional) - Children are welcome to make a 3D animal of their choice using junk modelling. We cannot wait to see what you have created.
- Check Mathletics regularly at home to complete activities linked to our learning in class.

Mathletics

## Useful websites

Phonics play- <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Crickweb (phonics and maths games) Early Years- [www.crickweb.co.uk](http://www.crickweb.co.uk)

Topmarks (maths games) -<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>