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Reception Newsletter: Summer 2 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the year, the children are going to explore being eco-warriors! In the final term the children are going to be learning about how to save the planet. We begin by looking at our own rubbish and explore where it goes and how we can recycle to save the Earth. We will be learning about what effects rubbish and pollution can have on the environment where we live and in the ocean. We will even explore how we can use our waste to promote sustainable living at Priory; from growing plants to saving water. Let's take a look at our half term.

Week 1: Is rubbish really rubbish? What is rubbish? Exploring the waste we throw away, the children will develop our 'Reuse and Recycle' role play area where they can turn 'rubbish' into art.

Week 2: Can rubbish help people? Upcycling is the buzz word this week! One man's trash is another man's treasure! We will look at artists who produce work from 'found materials' and look at the benefits of donating our unwanted things to a charity shop and how it can help people.

Week 3: Does rubbish make things grow? This is going to be a messy exploration week! We will be composting and learning about how to make things grow.

Week 4: Do we need plants? As we explore why caring for nature is so important, the children will learn about why it is important to save the planet and care for the plants and flowers in it, as they give us such valuable resources.

Week 5: How can we save water? This week we will be looking at some of the conservation projects run by our amazing charity organisations. The children will explore the dangers of water pollution and how it affects us and animals in the sea.

Week 6: Can you name 10 ways to save the world? As we look back at the topic, we reflect on the amazing things we can do to help protect our planet for future generations.

Week 7: Reflection and moving on. As the year draws to an end, we look back at the amazing time we have had in Reception and what we are looking forward to as we move in to Year 1.

We will continue to deliver our highly successful and mindful, Personal and social curriculum through 'Jigsaw' and this half term our focus is 'Changing Me' to support our transition to Year 1.



Dates for your diary:

Friday 14th June

2.15 p.m.-3.00 p.m. Recycling book swap. Parents and carers are invited in to school to take part in a book swap - bring your old books and swap for a new story - these can be children's or adults books. Refreshments will be available and the children will help you to choose a book! Book to be donated need to be in school by the morning of 13th June.

Thursday 20th June Early Years Visit to Tittesworth Reservoir. Letter to follow.

Wednesday 10th July

1.45 p.m. Graduation from Early Years Ceremony. Parents/carers are invited to join us as we graduate from the Early Years and move into Key Stage One. Our ceremony will be followed by refreshments and a chance to spend some time sharing our 'best bits' of our time together in Early Years.

As we approach the end of the academic year, we will be using all the evidence we have collected about your child and making judgments about whether or not they have reached the Early Learning Goals, this will be reported to you in the End of Year Report. We ask that you continue to support us and help your child to read at home every day and practice the sounds and common exception words provided in their Reception Work Book. We are focusing on sentence writing as this is key a skill for Year 1.

PE will be on Wednesdays so please make sure you have a labelled PE kit in school and that earrings are covered or removed.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/guardians for their continued support this year. We value the relationships we have built over your child's time in Reception. Please come and see us anytime if you have anything you wish to discuss, no matter how big or how small it might be. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can.

Many Thanks

The Reception Team

