

# Loatlands Phase 1 News

Term 5 Newsletter  
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## **Welcome back!**

I cannot believe I am writing to you about the summer term already! The children have returned to school after the Easter break keen and ready to learn, and it looks like the sunny weather we were hoping for in the holidays has finally arrived! Please ensure that you apply sun-cream to your child each day and provide them with a sunhat and labelled water bottle. Reception children have access to water in school all day but we would like them to have a labelled water bottle on the lunch trolley for lunch playtimes on the playground.

We are very proud of Reception children for being so grown up and coming into school independently. Parents – you can still come and chat to us if you have any concerns.

This newsletter will provide information regarding learning, curriculum and events happening in Reception and Year 1 for your information. I have included a list of the stories and books we will be using as stimulus for our learning so you can talk to your children about our topics at home.

## **PE days within the phase**

Please remember that Children need a PE kit in school, long hair needs to be tied back and earrings must be removed.

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE Days</b>
Reception	Tuesday afternoons
Year One (Allberg)	Wednesday Morning and Friday mornings.
Year One (Kipling)	Monday afternoon and Friday mornings.

## **Reading**

Thank you to all the parents who listen to their child read at home every night. It really has made an enormous difference to your child's reading level – practise really does make perfect! It has meant that these children have moved quickly and confidently through the reading bands but more importantly, it can give them the confidence to enjoy and access reading across the whole curriculum, which leads to better results across the board.

Children across the phase will move up a reading band when the teacher is happy they can read with 95% accuracy.

Reception children can still change their reading books up to twice a week even though they are coming in to school independently. Place their books in their hands as they enter school and that will remind them to change it. An adult will help them if they get stuck.

## **Snack Money**

Thank you so much to the parents who have regularly contributed to our 'snack' fund in reception. Many parents have asked what the money was used for. It has helped us to buy extra treats for the children such as...

Hot chocolate and biscuits at the end of each term,

Ingredients for cooking activities such as the Easter nest cakes,

Food tasting ingredients to broaden the children's likes and dislikes.....

Along side this we have also used the 'snack' money to buy the food items for our malleable table for the children to play with and explore. Examples of this are; ingredients for play dough, cereals to crunch and bash up with mallets, jelly to squish and play with, pasta to explore, cornflour to discover how it turns from powder to a slime texture, citrus and soft fruits to use squeezers and juicers to build up our muscles for writing, and lots more besides.

These activities can be expensive to run but are vital for the children's muscle, language and teamwork development. Thank you again.

### **Preparing for the move to the next year group (Transition)**

We are starting to prepare the children for their move up to the next year group in September. This is being done very gently and subtly, by conversations in class and getting more familiar with the areas that the children will be in next year. For example, some of the Year 1 teaching team have popped in to Reception to chat to the children or read them a story so that their faces become familiar. We will send out more information about transition activities later during the term.

### **Reception end of year trip and Phase One Picnic**

We will be joining nursery on a trip to Hammerton Zoo Park in the final term. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

It is a tradition that we end the Reception year with a family picnic on the field. This usually takes place on the last day of term in July. This year we would like to extend the invitation across the whole of Phase 1, so we can say goodbye to the children leaving us to join Year 2 in September. I will confirm the date and times later in the term.

### **Website**

Remember to check the website for further updates in our Phase One blog.

### **Curriculum overview for Term 5 and 6**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>English Focus</b>	<b>Maths Focus</b>	<b>Topic Focus</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Quality Texts</b> The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle If Only- Neil Griffiths– Superworm – Julia Donaldson Bee – Patricia Heggarty Snail Trail - Jo Sexton Mad about Minibeasts – Giles Andreae <b>Types of writing</b> Writing in our journals about exciting events. Story retelling using the books we are learning about.	<b>Number:</b> Counting and recognition of numbers to 20. Addition and subtraction. Halving, doubling and sharing.  <b>Shape, Space and Measure:</b> Size, weight and capacity.	It is all about minibeasts in reception this term. We will be learning lots about caterpillars, butterflies, ladybirds, worms, bees and snails. <b>Next term</b> we will be focussing on 'We are all different' We will be looking at how we are different, thinking about disabilities, how to keep healthy and talking about our families.

<p><b>Year 1</b></p>	<p><b>Quality Text</b> Oliver's Vegetable Handa's Surprise</p> <p><b>Types of writing</b> We will be writing lists, Story retelling Instructional writing for plants and cookery.</p>	<p><b>Number</b> Multiplication and division (talking about lots of and sharing, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s). Fractions, finding halves and quarters of numbers and shapes.</p> <p><b>Shape, Space and Measure:</b></p> <p>Weights and capacity. Time Money</p>	<p><b>Topic</b> Our topic for the whole of the summer term is <b>'Healthy body, Happy me'</b> This half term we are looking all about how we can eat healthily, where our food comes from and how our food is grown. You will see us doing lots of planting in science and learning all about food chains. <b>Next term</b> we will be looking at how exercise can keep us healthy and other things that our body need needs in order to stay healthy.</p>
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I am really looking forward to enjoying the summer terms with the children and seeing their learning move on even further as they become ready to move on to the next year group. It is fabulous to see the children start to really blossom across Phase 1.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs N Cross- Phase 1 Leader.