



## Sunflower Newsletter: Term 6 June 2024

Welcome back to Sunflower Class after the half term break and to our final term in Pre School.

**Topic:** Our main topic and themes this term are "Going on a journey and going places"

Our learning challenges will be: "What do you recognise around Faringdon? Where would you like to go and how would you get there?". We will also learn about different occupations. If any parents would like to come and talk to the children about their work, that would be wonderful.

All of our planning is displayed on the office noticeboard, and you will be given a copy of our Curriculum Map and Newsletter for this term. Weekly planning is displayed on our classroom window. Please check the school website and class page regularly, for class photos and news.

Please make sure you send your child's bookbag to school **twice** a week, so that they can choose two books to share with you at home.

If your child accomplishes anything special at home, please complete a "WOW" slip for their yellow folder.



### Information:

- Continue to spend time reading and sharing books at home. You can find some really useful information about the importance of reading on: [oxfordowl.co.uk](http://oxfordowl.co.uk) and [booktrust.org.uk/bathbookbed](http://booktrust.org.uk/bathbookbed). Please complete your child's reading record, in their book bag, every time you share a story together.
- Some of the children still need to practise **taking off** and **putting on** shoes and socks. The children are required to do this on a Wednesday when we use the school hall for PE. The children should now be able to self-dress, especially the children who are going to Reception in September.
- We use the garden every day. All of the children need a **named** sun hat. Sun lotion should be applied before your child comes to school and a roll on bottle should be in their bag. **ALL BELONGINGS SHOULD BE NAMED**. If your child has lost a school jumper or cardigan, please check our lost property
- Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle every day. Bottles should be filled with **water**. If your child is staying for lunch, you can include a bottle or carton of juice in their lunch box.
- **£2.00 donation for snack and cooking** for this term is now due. This is payable via Parent Pay.
- Please let us know of any changes with any prescribed medicines/dietary needs/telephone numbers. You will need to let the school office know of any absences.

### Important Dates for Term 6:

- Tuesday 3rd June - Term 6 begins
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Sports Day - Sunflower and Seedlings children at 10.30am
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Transition Day for Reception children and "Stay and Play" session for our new September starters
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Teddy Bears Picnic - morning and afternoon
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Last day of term



## **FUN AT HOME ..... IDEAS!**

- Plan some family days out – visit a wildlife park, a museum, a library
- Make up a story bag with props, from a favourite story e.g. Handa's Surprise
- Go for walks around Faringdon and look for landmarks and familiar buildings. Talk about buildings that are old and new. Find old photographs of Faringdon.
- Go for a walk in your street/neighbourhood and talk about the different types of houses and what they are built from. Talk about your address
- Make a picnic together and go for an outing to a forest. Play "What's the time Mr. Wolf" or "Hide and seek". Look at the different leaves on the trees and talk about shapes and sizes. Find out about the wild animals that live in the woods
- Make a bird feeder and watch out for the different birds that visit your garden
- Play outdoors every day - in your garden or at the park
- Have a wash day outdoors for your dolls and doll's clothes. Get a grown up to make a little washing line to hang the wet clothes on.
- Go for a walk by a river and look at the different types of boats. Talk about the wildlife that live by the river
- Plan a family day out to the seaside. Make a list of things you would like to do when you get there.
- Write a postcard from the seaside, to granny and grandad
- Practise riding your scooter or bicycle
- Look at non fiction books about going on a journey to different places, in this country and abroad
- Talk about different occupations and the emergency services.
- Have fun setting up water activities outdoors. Explore capacity, floating and sinking and pouring and filling
- Paint with water on the garden path and draw with chunky chalks
- Look at family photographs of special times and days out
- Play sound games together – I Spy/Fred Frog
- Visit different places of worship
- Go on a bus or train journey
- Make some bunting with fabric or paper triangles and decorate your garden
- Freeze some different flavoured ice lollies
- Make jelly and have jelly and ice cream
- Collect lots of natural materials – shells, pine cones, stones. Arrange long lines or circles, with the cones and shells and remember to do lots of counting. Balance the stones to make cairns.
- Go on a shape hunt around your house or in your garden
- Use a large beach ball to practise throwing and catching
- Complete some jigsaw puzzles and play board games together
- Practise cutting with scissors

