

Doves Class Newsletter

Summer Term



Welcome to the Summer Term...

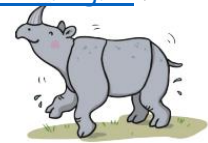
Firstly, welcome back to Doves class, I hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are feeling refreshed and recharged for our new topic **Wild and Wonderful!**

Now that we have reached the Summer Term, it is a great time to reflect on the term we leave behind. It has been an unusual term and I am incredibly proud of the learning the children have undertaken and the progress they have managed to make. All the children are reading with ever increasing confidence and their phonic knowledge is being applied well in their writing process, where enthusiasm for writing is clear to see! Your support and encouragement in this area is crucial and has allowed for all of the children to demonstrate a great ability and enthusiasm for learning. I am very much looking forward to seeing how the class continues to develop over the remainder of the year.

Throughout the remainder of this newsletter, you should find some useful information on our next steps in your child's learning as well as hints and tips on how best to support your child. I'd like to end by reminding you that I am always here to help should you have any questions or concerns. Meetings can be made via a note in the home-school record provided or through the class email address doves@hcschool.org.uk.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

Miss Mitchell



Equipment

School Uniform - Now that shops have reopened, please ensure your child has the correct school uniform and check all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. The children will be making use of the outside areas and require a waterproof coat/jacket, and sun hat.

PE Kit - This term Doves will have P.E on a Friday. Please ensure your child arrives wearing the appropriate PE kit. Your child may also wear tracksuit bottoms to cover their legs and their school jumper.

Forest School - This term the children in the Doves class will have the opportunity to attend forest school. Your child must come into school with wellies, spare clothes and (weather dependent) waterproofs / sun hats.



Values

April - Trust

May - Honesty

June - Tolerance

July - Understanding

Attendance

Doves' attendance currently sits at **94.96%**. We have all worked tremendously hard to build our class attendance during the school year, so we should be incredibly proud of ourselves!

Remember it is very important to attend school every day and be present for the registration period.

Our school target for attendance is 97%



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Phonics:

Over the course of the academic year Doves have worked incredibly hard to learn all our phase 5 sounds. This half term we will be revising our sounds and preparing for our phonics screening check. Although the national phonics screening check has been postponed, we will still be undertaking one for internal use and to check progress. If you have any questions about phonics or the phonics screening check, please refer to our phonics guide in Doves Class information booklet or email me directly.



Dates for your diary:

Parents Evenings:

Tuesday 25th May

Thursday 27th May

Learning Logs

In the Learning Log just a couple of drawings/photographs with a caption or two will be sufficient. If your child wants to do more than this, please use no more than the double page with the topic label. We aren't judging the best handwriting or spelling; we are looking for imaginative ideas expressed by the children through pictures and words. We hope you will enjoy spending time with your child talking about each learning log topic with your child. Just a reminder these are not compulsory, however they do play a huge part in developing the children's confidence, fine motor and communication and language skills.

To be handed in the week beginning...	Learning Log (LL) / Show and Tell
26 th April	Show and Tell
3 rd May	LL - Make an Animal
10 th May	Show and Tell
17 th May	LL -
24 th May	Show and Tell
Half Term	
7 th June	LL - Shoe box habitat
14 th June	Show and Tell
21 st June	LL -
28 th June	Show and Tell
5 th July	LL -

Show and Tell

For the weeks when there are no Learning Logs in school, children may bring one item in to show their peers and to talk about. This item may remain in school for a few days until it has been shared with the rest of the class.



Reading

Doves should read at home three times a week for five minutes each time; please make a short note in your child's reading record to show they have read. Reading books will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays.

Thank you for your feedback in your child's reading record - this is really helpful!

Spelling

Your child will bring home a 'Home Spellings' book which is to be completed three times per week. Please help your child follow our Look, Cover, Write, Check strategy. Please ensure your child's spelling book is in school every Friday.

Spellings will be set on a Monday and will be collected in on a Friday.

Key Words

Key words will be sent home in sets; please can you show your child the words and ask them to repeat what they see. This is a short activity and is aimed to build fluency in your child's ability to recall these common words. These words will be tested in school on a weekly basis and updated on the following Monday.

