

Doves Class Newsletter

Summer Term



Welcome to the Summer Term...

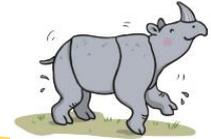
Firstly, welcome back to Doves class, I hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are feeling refreshed and recharged for our new topic **Wild and Wonderful!**

Now that we have reached the Summer Term, it is a great time to reflect on the term we leave behind. 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 Rolfe



School Uniform - 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 has the appropriate kit in school. Your child may also wear tracksuit bottoms to cover their legs and their school jumper.

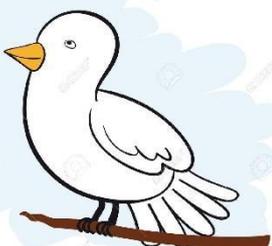


Our school values

May - Caring

June - Appreciation

July - Happiness



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. We will also be carrying out a mock screening check to see where there are any gaps in children's phonetic knowledge. It will really support your child and give them the best possible chance of showing their full potential if you read with them regularly and develop their knowledge of the different sounds. Some children will be sent home with specific sounds to practice so please check their book bags regularly. If you have any questions about phonics or the phonics screening check please email me directly.



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 should not be a toy and should be relevant to our new topic - 'Wild and Wonderful'.

Learning Logs:

There are lots of ideas for learning logs given but if your child wants to do something different or 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.

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 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.

Phonics

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 and develop confidence with different sounds.