

# Doves Class Newsletter

Summer Term



## Welcome to the Summer Term...

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**.

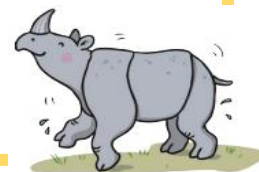
Welcome back Miss Rolfe!

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](mailto:doves@hcschool.org.uk).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

Mrs Bandon & Miss Rolfe



### Values

April - Hope

May - Caring

June - Democracy  
(Equality)

July - Forgiveness

### Equipment

**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. As the weather is warming up, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school and a sun hat for outdoor play.

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



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## Phonics:

Over the course of the academic year Doves have worked incredibly hard to learn all our phonics sounds. This half term we will be revising our sounds and preparing for our phonics screening check. Phonics Screening is due to take place the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any questions about the screening check, please catch me at the end of the day or arrange a meeting.

Woburn Safari Trip: 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup> May - 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Phonics Screening: 10<sup>th</sup> June  
Class Assembly: 25<sup>th</sup> June

## How can I help my child at home?

- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child.
- Read as much as possible with your child.
- Encourage and praise - get them to have a 'good guess'.
- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound from left to right.
- Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read



## 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. If your child's learning log has gone 'walk abouts' please let me know as I can sort them a new one.



### 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 tested on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home.*

