



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

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Red and Green Class Summer Newsletter

Welcome to Summer Term 2024

Our World



This letter gives you a small overview to the topics we will be covering up until half term.

The curriculum is divided into 7 areas of learning which are highlighted in this leaflet for you.

We will continue to send updates home via Seesaw, describing what we have been doing in class and how you can help at home. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Red or Green class staff.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

This half term our focus is 'Changing Me'. We will start by looking at our bodies and how they have changed since being a baby. We will label a body and discuss the different things our bodies do to help us, e.g., our eyes are for seeing and our legs for taking us different places. We will then focus on how things will change when the children move into Year One. We will discuss things the children are excited or worried about and give them ways to cope with their worries.



Communication & Language

We will be developing the children's spoken language further this half-term by having a range of role play and small world areas for the children to explore to aid their speech and language related to storytelling. This will help with creating their own stories for writing in Year One. Our stories include

- Monkey Puzzle
- How to Catch a Star
- Mr Big
- Giraffes Can't Dance
- Commotion in the Ocean
- Recap of all our stories



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We will also be focussing on using the stories to inspire our Rainbow Grammar writing. At this stage, class teachers are modelling how to form a basic sentence using a subject (person, place or object_ predicate (includes information about the subject) and then stop (punctuation used at the end of the sentence). For example, **Mummy Bear** is sitting on the chair | You and your child will learn more about Rainbow Grammar in Key Stage 1.

Physical Development

This half term the children will be exploring Cricket and Athletics. They will be developing their throwing and catching skills, alongside their hand/eye coordination. In the athletics, they will be exploring the best ways to increase speed in running, and developing techniques to support their jumping and throwing.

PE days will continue as follows:

Red Class – Tuesday and Friday

Green Class - Thursday and Friday

Literacy



The children will continue their phonics sessions where they will re-cap all the sounds taught this year and begin to read more complex words that have initial and end blends e.g., spot, tent, and polysyllabic words e.g., lunchbox, pondweed. Our stories this half-term are 'Little Red Hen', 'Three Goats', and 'Goldilocks'. This half-term we will focus on helping the children to get ready for the move to Year One. To do this we will be having longer Phonics lessons (no more than 45 minutes) with an emphasis on completing independent tasks at the table.

Maths

We will having a big focus on re-capping all the skills taught this year, with a focus on number-bonds to 5/ 10, one more or one less than a given number and doubling within 10. In addition to this we will re visit comparing groups of objects using vocabular such as more, less, equal to, greater than & less than. We will then move onto addition and subtraction, using practical objects, and place value to pre-teach skills ready for Year One.

The World

This half term is very busy with the children learning more about the world around them. We will begin by exploring the jungle and the different types of animals that live in their jungle. They will then move on to recapping the topic of Past and Present focussing on their experience in Red and Green Class in the past year. We will explore historical figures linked to the past and our houses, Florence Nightingale, William Shakespeare, and Stephen Hawking. We have some excited days planned where the children will be jetting round the world experiencing different countries where bears originate, including Australia, China, Canada, and Antarctica.



Part of this term will also involve road safety, exploring summer, keeping safe in the sun and online.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our overall theme for this half term is around the world. This will largely be seen through expressive arts. We are having 2 themed country days in the 3rd week of term, and we will do lots of activities around 4 different countries. This will mainly focus on art including making bears using different materials and creating landscapes using pastels.

Further information

Please can you ensure all snack items are healthy (fruit, vegetable, yoghurt, cheese, cereal bar) with no chocolate and are labelled with your child's name. It is also important your child recognises what they have for snack and what any containers look like.

As weather turns warmer can we please remind you to send your child with a sun hat and sun cream. We cannot apply the sun cream for you child so please make sure it is a bottle they can use independently; you may also wish to practice putting sun cream on with your child at home.

The children in Red class will have their reading books changed on a MONDAY, Green class on a TUESDAY. Please ensure your child brings their books on these days for changing. School expectation is that you hear your child read, at least 3 times per week. Library books will be changed each week on a Wednesday, you can swap the book yourself during library opening hours on a Friday and Wednesday after school.

If you should have any queries, no matter how small, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

