

Chicks Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1, 2022



Dear Parents, Guardians and Children

Another half term has come to an end and, as always, it has been a delight looking after your wonderful children. After half term we look forward to welcoming Salah and hope you enjoy meeting all your new friends.

We have enjoyed our last topic 'Amazing Animals' - a special interest the children had was learning about African animals whilst reading '*Handa's Surprise*'. Our rainforest roleplay area was a huge hit and provided many opportunities for the children to experience.

After the holidays our new theme will be 'Down at the Bottom of the Garden'. We will be learning about the life cycles of plants, looking at what plants need to grow and will be planting our own plants for the children to bring home and share with you all.

I have very much enjoyed standing at the gate in the mornings and watching the children ride their bikes and scooters with pride into school. I have been so impressed with how confident the children are. Lots of children have mastered riding without stabilisers and riding 2 wheeled scooters. As well as being fun, riding bikes and scooters has many health benefits and helps with balance and co-ordination! The children love to ride the bikes and scooters at school and now the weather is turning warmer we will be getting out and using the playground to give us plenty of space to practice!

We would ask that as the weather warms up you apply **sun cream** before school, provide a **named sunhat** and **water bottle**. Bottles will be topped up with fresh, cool water to ensure the children drink plenty.

Please can we ask that all children have a full change of clothes in their bag at all times, with a plastic bag for used clothes, in case of any accidents or children getting wet/muddy through play.

Wishing you all a well deserved holiday and looking forward to welcoming all the children back in April.

Kind regards

Mrs Smith (Pre-School Leader), Mrs Wheatley (Learning Support Assistant)

Miss Ball and Miss Barber (Apprentices)



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Our next topic is 'Down at the Bottom of the Garden' we would love to see/hear what the children enjoy about their garden.

It would be wonderful if you could send us pictures of your child enjoying time in their garden, they may like to draw or paint a picture of what they enjoy, or send a video. The children can then share with the rest of the class, please send anything in via Class Dojo, Tapestry or in person.

Any questions please do not hesitate to ask.



Special Books

A Seed in Need

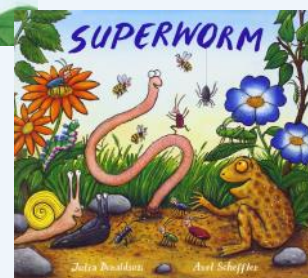
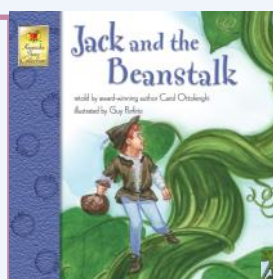
Jack and the Beanstalk

A sense of Science 'Exploring Plants'

Sunflower House

Superworm

Matisse's Magical Trail



Friendly
Reminder

Could all parents/guardians please make sure that they bring a spare change of clothes everyday (for water play or toileting purposes). Also, could we ask parents/guardians to return any spare clothes they may have at home, which have been borrowed.

We do provide fruit at snack time, however, you are more than welcome to provide your child their own healthy snack. Can we ask that grapes, tomatoes and any other smaller sized food is cut lengthways to avoid choking.

Please remember **NO NUTS** due to children with severe allergies. Thank you for your support.



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Curriculum – Early Years Foundation Stage

The areas of the curriculum we will be focusing on this term are as follows:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Making relationships:

- ◆ Talking about their feelings in more elaborated ways
- ◆ Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate

Communication and Language, Speaking:

- ◆ Understand simple questions about 'who' 'what' and 'where'
- ◆ Can start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns

Literacy, Reading:

- ◆ Ask questions about their favourite books and seek them out to share with an adult, friend or to look at alone.
- ◆ Develop play around favourite stories using props

Physical development, Moving and Handling:

- ◆ Match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting, e.g . They decide whether to crawl, walk or run across a plank, depending on its length and width.

Maths, Numbers

- ◆ Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes
- ◆ Understand position through words alone

Understanding of the World, People and Communities:

- ◆ Explore how things work
- ◆ Plant seeds and care for growing plants.

Expressive Art and Design, Exploring and Using Media and Materials:

- ◆ Explore colour and colour-mixing
- ◆ Listen with increased attention to sounds



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Uniform

We ask that children wear sensible, durable clothing appropriate for all seasons and all play activities. Examples include joggers, leggings, T-shirts and jumpers or cardigans. Supportive, closed footwear, such as school shoes, trainers or plimsolls are best. Children need a hooded coat every day to ensure that they can play outside. We will also send prompts throughout the year about more seasonal clothing, such as hats, gloves, scarves and sun hats.

Uniform is not compulsory in Pre-School, however, if you would like your child to wear the school uniform, our uniform for children up to Year 4 is as follows:

School uniform:

- White or navy polo-shirt (school logo available)
- Dark grey school trousers with grey/black socks
- Dark grey school skirt or pinafore with white socks or navy tights
- Black school shoes
- Navy V-neck or round neck jumper (school logo available)
- Navy cardigan (school logo available)



Additions for the Summer term:

- Named sunhat



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Forest School

Chicks will be having **Forest School** every **Thursday**. The children will need to wear **school uniform**, but we ask that you provide a waterproof outer layer and a pair of wellies to change into. These can be left in school on your child's peg, or brought in to school every Thursday.

Forest School Kit

During your child's allocated Forest School session, they will need a suitable Forest School kit. Although this is dependent on the season and the activity, we would generally recommend the following items:

- Wellies / Outdoor walking boots or shoes
- Waterproof salopettes / waterproof splash-suit / waterproof trousers and jacket
- Warm layers, when required

Please note that these items are likely to get dusty, dirty and sometimes wet, so please ensure they are practical and durable, but not expensive, items.



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General Reminders

- Once your child has been given reading books and a reading record, please ensure they are in their bags every day. We ask that you read with your child for 5 minutes, at least three times each week, and sign your child's reading record.
- Please could all items of clothing (including coats) and belongings be **named**. That way we can return any items that may have been misplaced.
- Please ensure your child brings in a **water bottle** every day. The children will have access to their bottles throughout the day, and they can be re-filled when needed.
- Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing for the season, including a **hooded waterproof jacket, sunhat, sun glasses and sun cream** in the spring summer months; and a warm hat and gloves during the colder months.
- **Please can we ask that all children have a full change of clothes in their bag at all times, with a plastic bag for used clothes, in case of any accidents or children getting wet/muddy through play. Some children will require multiple changes of clothes.**
- If you have any queries, please do get in touch with us on ClassDojo, or by emailing office@moggerhangerprimary.co.uk and our office team will be more than happy to pass on your question to the relevant staff member.



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