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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Reception Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term. We hope you had a lovely break. It's hard to believe that this is the last term in Reception before the children move up to Year 1! Once again, they have eased back into our daily routines confidently and enthusiastically.

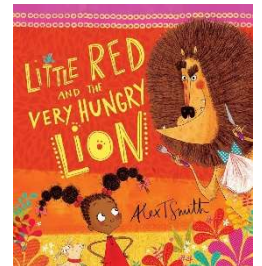
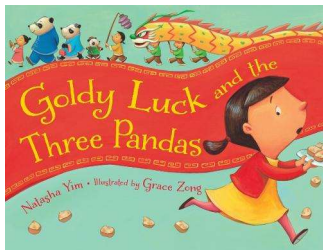
We have already begun our exciting new topic this term, 'Living and Growing'. During this topic, we will be learning all about animals. In the first week of Summer 2, we will be visiting Bocketts Farm, where the children will learn about a range of animals, big and small, and may even have the opportunity to handle



some! It will be a lovely way to end our topic. This week, we have also welcomed some very special visitors who hatched recently. Reception are looking after some ducklings, and we will be saying goodbye to them on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Soon, we will also have our very own caterpillars to care for, and we will watch in excitement as they grow and transform into beautiful butterflies.

In the second half of this term we will start our new topic 'Once upon a time'.

Throughout the term, we will be learning lots of different fairy tales: The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Three Billy Goats Gruff and Goldilocks. Alongside these, we will read alternative versions such as Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion and Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas. This half term's topic also allows us to become little gardeners; growing some beans and watching them change over time.



### **Reminders:**

- We have accumulated a lot of unnamed clothing and belongings. Please could you check that everything you send in is named. Otherwise, it is very tricky for us to match up lost property to its owner, thank you.
- Our PE session is still on a Friday but will now be outside- weather permitting. Please send your child to school wearing a white/school logo t-shirt or coloured house t-shirt and navy-blue shorts and trainers or plimsolls (all labelled, please). As the weather is warmer, they do not necessarily need a tracksuit, however, please feel free to send them in wearing one. If your child wears earrings, these cannot be taped and must be removed, thank you for all your help with this.



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- As the weather becomes hotter, please ensure your child has a hat and named water bottle in school. On exceptionally hot days, the children will not be allowed out in the sunshine if they do not have a hat. Parents are advised to apply sun cream at the start of each day. We are unable to apply sun cream for the children, however, the children may use their own sun cream independently if they need to. If they need some supervision, we can support them with this.
- Little Wandle reading books will continue to come home on a Friday. The children will make the most progress if they continue to practise their reading at home with you over the weekend and it is a lovely opportunity for them to show off their super learning. Last term, we continued to spend a lot of time having to ask parents to return late books. **It is essential that these books are returned on a Monday as another group will need them and we would really appreciate your understanding with this.** The Summer term tricky words came home at the end of last term, please add these to the key word key rings and continue to practise the Autumn & Spring Term ones. Thank you for your continued support with this, it makes such a difference to your child's progress in reading.

#### **Dates coming up:**

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Duck egg experience arrives in Reception
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Reception ducklings picked up
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday (School closed)
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Sports Day (9:00 – 10:30am)
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Family Bingo Night with the Friends (6:00pm)
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photographs
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Open classrooms (9:00 – 9:30am)
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm
- Wb Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Creative Arts Week
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Summer Fair hamper donations (MUFTI)
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Summer Fair bottle donations (MUFTI)
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair (12:00-2:00pm)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July - End of term 1:30pm



Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Fraser and Miss Camfield

