



## HALF TERM INFORMATION UPDATE

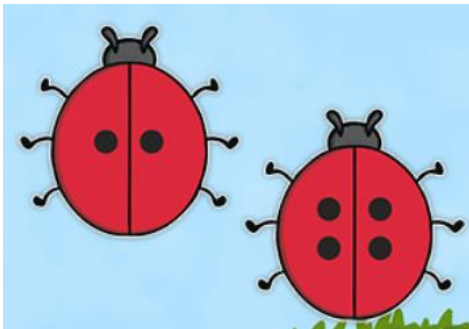
## Reception

### Message from the staff:

We cannot believe that this is our final half term! This year has flown by in the blink of an eye! As sad as we are to be saying goodbye to the reception children, we can see that they are almost ready for Year 1! This half term we will be preparing the children for their next stage at Raynville. They will meet their new teachers, spend some time in the new classrooms and play in the playground with the soon-to-be Year 2 children. Our next topic in Reception is *Journeys*. We will be looking at different transport, how we get to various places and talking about going on holiday. We have lots to look forward to in the next half term, our Summer Disco, the Foundation Fun Day, and the Summer Fayre.

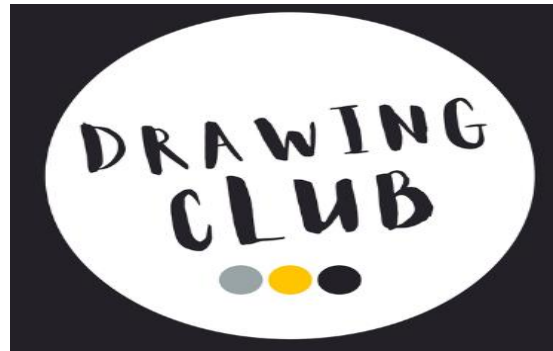
### This half term's learning:

#### Mathematics:



This half term in Math's we will be learning about sharing, doubling and halving. We will also be doing lots with numbers to 20, ordering and making with Math's equipment etc... these new skills will then be put into practice with lots of problem solving e.g., Sam has 6 sweets and wants to share them with his friend. How many sweets will they both have?

#### Literacy:



Recently in Literacy we have introduced something called Drawing Club to our lessons. Your child may already have told you they went to drawing club today. It is a way of enabling the children to use their own imaginations and creativity to develop ideas from stories and short films. Every piece of work is original and unique. We have already seen positive results from this method and so will be continuing it next half term. The children will also learn lots of new vocabulary and use an action to demonstrate their understanding. We will take a variety of story books, traditional tales, and short films as our inspiration for this. Please encourage your



**Personal, social, and emotional development:**



Our next 'Healthy Inside and Out' day will be focusing on solving problems and how to make things better, working with others and the importance of teamwork. We will be preparing the children for the move to Year 1, looking at how they have changed and celebrating their successes. We will spend some time talking about any concerns or worries they have about going to Year 1 and of course, things they are looking forward to.

**It would be helpful** if you practised these skills at home. Count objects accurately, touching each one as you say the next number, play sharing games with sweets, small toys etc... Talk about doubles and challenge them to show you how to double numbers with counters, pennies or pebbles etc...

child to write and draw at home too.

**Understanding of the World**

This half term we will be learning about journeys. We will look at different types of transport and where different transport will take us. We will end our half term by looking at journeys the children taken. We will be asking for any previous holiday photographs so the children can talk about the different journeys and places they have visited.



In our outdoor area we will be looking at the similarities and differences between our natural world around us. We will learn about summer and begin to look for minibeasts. I'm sure we will find many little minibeasts in our outdoor area.



### **Expressive art and design:**

In Music we are learning to play the glockenspiel to accompany a funk song adapted for children. We also appreciate other types of music each week. Children explain their preferences using some musical vocabulary.

In art the children are given free access to different kinds of paint every week. They can choose this option whenever they want. They also use chalk, pastels and other media. Paintings are celebrated on display in our art gallery in the art area.

**It would be helpful** you share your musical tastes with your child and explain why you like that style or artist. Also

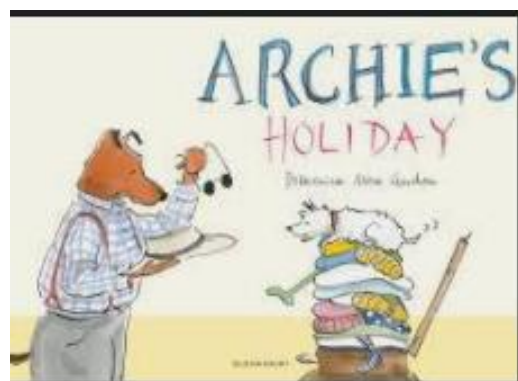
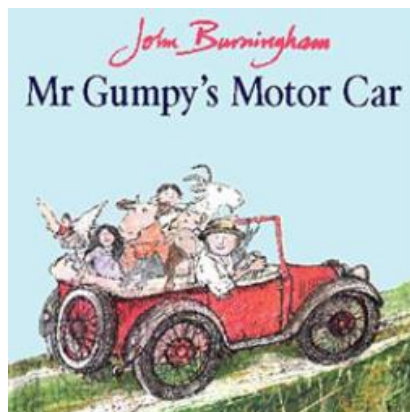
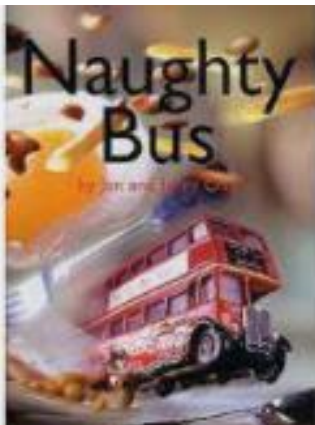
### **Physical development:**

This half term we will be focusing on games. The children will learn to take turns and work as part of a team to complete many different mini games.

Children will continue to have PE on Thursdays. Please make sure your child comes to school in appropriate footwear.

### **Story Focus:**

We are using stories to enhance the children's vocabulary and understanding of words. Look out for your child using advanced vocabulary that surprises you.



### **How parents can help at home:**

Reading- Please try and read at least 3 times a week with your child. Your child will have either a ditty or reading book.



Maths- Practicing number bonds to 10, sharing and halving.

Have conversations about next year, start to talk about what they are looking forward to.

**Please can we have your recycling! Small boxes, tubes, tubs etc... we will be making vehicles!**

**Days/Dates to remember:**

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Foundation Summer Disco (see staff for tickets)
- The children have worked so hard this year and would love to share their work with you. Come and have a look at your child's work with them.  
RWH- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2.40pm  
RD- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2.40pm
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fayre
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Foundation Fun Day .

Please make a member of staff know if your child is being collected by someone different.