



## Hercules Class Newsletter – End of Term 5 and introducing Term 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your fifth end of term newsletter from Hercules! We are heading towards the summer holidays and in preparation for their move into KS1, we will be joining everyone in the big playground every day and attending all school assemblies to get used to the structure of our new school day. As you know, we have swapped the classroom round again to make the continuous provision run more smoothly and added new areas including a games cupboard to support physical development outside, a new mud café with digging area and an outside workshop area. We have been lucky enough to get a grant for some new equipment for Field and Forest as well as our outside area and would like to say an enormous thank you to Mrs Webb for doing it for us – what a wonderful surprise THANK YOU SO MUCH.



It's been another quicker term this time, but the children's phonics is going from strength to strength and they have gained so much confidence that we have started weekly challenges including Maths and Writing activities to do independently in our new and improved big areas in the classroom. As always, the children's ideas are always the best - creating a doll's house out of an empty unit (if anyone has any space ply or mdf we could use for shelves please) and we are so proud of the children taking all the changes in their stride. Well done everyone and thank you for all your parental support and amazing attendance at Stay and Play Write - it's always a joy to have you all in the school. Please keep practising and learning those sight words and building them into sentences to write at home as it helps your child to read with fluency and write with confidence. And finally we also had STEM week – making sandtimers together and sunprints- we are eagerly awaiting the results of the sunprints that are currently stuck onto our classroom windows. I know everyone is ready for some time off – so enjoy your May half term break – enjoy the sunshine, rest and relax together, ready for our sixth and final term in Reception.



**A few things to remember as we start our sixth term together:**

**Field and Forest** – Friday's 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June - **NO F&F 21<sup>ST</sup> June due to May Fair** 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July. Please continue to wear/bring in bags to change long sleeves and long trousers – remember, if they are not in school already to bring welly boots and full waterproofs as we go on in all weather. We will be staying with the same format until the end of term where we have four groups – 2 will go to the church off site, 1 will be doing cooking and 1 will be on-site in our Field and Forest area. We will continue to focus on the RSPB Wild Challenge activities to work towards our Bronze Awards.

**PE** – Thursday from 6 June – Please wear PE kits to school on this day.

**CHANGE OF PE DAY** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> SPORTS DAY – please wear PE kits for both days – more information will come out on Parentmail about Sports Day

**Water bottles, Coats, Welly boots and Full waterproofs** - Please ensure your child returns to school with a waterproof coat, hat, gloves and scarf for cold weather and sunhat for sunny weather. We will be wearing our full waterproofs (one piece or two pieces are fine) and welly boots for outside classroom play - these need to be clearly labelled with your child's name. It is worth noting the door of our classroom is always open – so keep with the layered approach for inside the classroom as well as it can still be cool in the warmest of weather.

PLEASE apply sunscreen before they come to school for the day using an all-day product to ensure the safety of the children. We ask sunscreen is not put in school bags so they can't apply it themselves and reduce the risk of them getting it in their eyes and over their clothing.

**Snack** – One piece of fruit is available per day per child to eat when they are hungry.

**Classroom Resources** - We are always looking for things to cut and make for junk modelling and collage, natural objects such as pine cones and acorns and we continue with our deconstructed roleplay area, so we are looking for boxes the larger the better. All would be gratefully received in Hercules class.

We are still looking for some traffic cones to lay out a circuit for the balance bikes in the outside classroom if anyone knows where we could get some from. And also some decking planks for balancing on, ply and mdf for shelves for the dolls' house.

**Show and Tell** Please send photos of outings and events or favourite books from your family for Show and Tell. **Show and Tell theme will be the natural world this term.** Talk to your child about your favourite children's nature story. If possible, it would be wonderful for parents or grandparents to share a story by videoing themselves and popping it onto Tapestry or in person in class. This is key part of the curriculum in Early Years not only for developing communication skills and questioning, but also to develop an awareness of difference within families and their community. We will have Show and Tell time for two children a day to accompany the stories. **If you would like to come in to share a story we can easily swap the time to the end of the day, as we normally do it straight after lunch, just let us know.** I will send the timetable out at the beginning of term as a reminder.

**Reading books** – We read Monday to Friday so please ensure their reading book folder has everything in it and is brought to school every day. We expect parents to support their children reading at least four times a week to help them achieve their reading certificates each term. We check reading records every week and will be catching parents who haven't read at home to see if there is any further support they need. Thanks so much - we really notice the difference when you have practised their phonics and have regularly read at home. It really grows the children's confidence.

**Library Books** – Wednesday is our swap day. Take time each day to share a book with your child and chat using story language - What do you think the story is about? Who are the characters? Where is it set? What's happening in the story? How will he solve that? How do they feel? Can you predict what will happen in the end? What was their favourite bit of the story? Can we ask for all library books are back into school by 10 July so we are ready for the summer holidays? Thank you.

### **Some Important Dates**

**Wk. 10<sup>th</sup> June Fathers Day Card Making**

**11<sup>th</sup> New Reception Induction outside 2-3pm with Miss Tomlinson**

**13<sup>th</sup> New Reception Induction inside 9-10am with Miss Rimmer**

**12<sup>th</sup> June Bookfair**

**19<sup>th</sup> New Reception Induction – **WEDNESDAY CHANGE OF PE Day – wear PE kit please****

**20 June Sports day**

**21 June May Fair**

**27 June/4 July Katherine Bloomers visit tbc**

**Wk of 11 July School Reports to Parents**

**12<sup>th</sup> July Moving up day – try out Pegasus class**

**18<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Service in the Church**

**A letter about RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) and NSCPP PANTS will be out shortly to inform you about the lessons we will be teaching in term 6 as part of our SCARF Growing and Changing topic.**

Please take a look at our curriculum map for the learning we will be doing this term and the books we will be exploring together.

*Best Wishes from the Hercules Team - Miss Rimmer, Miss Tomlinson, Mrs Stables & Mrs Ford.*