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PENINSULA CAMPUS

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Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holiday, we hope you were able to have a good rest.

Our themes during the Summer are: 'Marvellous Minibeasts' and 'Wherever you Will Go'.

We will be covering all areas of learning through our topics. In the first half of the term, we will be learning about everything we find in our garden including the different things that grow and the insects that live there. We will also be exploring life cycles and parts of plants. Our focus text will be '**All About Butterflies**', a fact file, alongside many fiction picturebooks, linking to our topic. As we head into our final half term in Reception, we will be thinking about transport and different journeys we can go on (including moving to Year 1). We will read the text Barney Goes to the Moon. In RE, our big questions are 'How did Jesus rescue people?' and 'Who cares for our special world?'.

P.E continues to take place on **Wednesdays**. It is essential that your child brings their full PE kit to school on a Monday. Please ensure your child has a white T-shirt, black/dark shorts, jogging bottoms as well as trainers or plimsolls. Make sure any P.E. kit, school uniform and other items are **clearly labelled with your child's name**. Please note that for your own child's welfare, **hooped earrings are not to be worn**. Only studs are allowed as stated in the school prospectus.

We will continue to change the children's reading books every **Wednesday**. Your child will take home a phonics book which matches what they are learning in school, as well as a pleasure for reading book which we encourage parents to read with their child. For every book your child is recorded reading in their record, they will receive a tick on their reading book mark which is displayed in the classroom. Once your child has 12 ticks, they will receive a Reading Certificate in our Celebration Assemblies. We suggest that you listen to your child read at least **three times a week**, this will vastly improve their reading and writing skills. Each time you read with your child, please make sure you sign their reading record – **If you do not sign your child's reading record we will assume that they have not read the book**. In the case of a lost reading record there will be a cost of £1 to replace it. If you lose or damage a school reading book there will be a £6 cost to replace it.

If you have any queries or concerns, please come and speak to a member of the Reception team after school. Alternatively, you can write in your child's contact book or make an appointment at the office, if you wish to have a longer or more private discussion.

I look forward to your support while continuing to work with your child and helping them get the most from their final term in Reception.

Kind Regards,

Miss Battey.

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