



Year R  
Summer 1 Newsletter 2017

We all hope that you had an enjoyable Easter break and enjoyed the beautiful weather. We are now in the final term of your child's first year of school - isn't it going quickly?!

**Farm Trip**

We had a fantastic start to the Summer Term with our trip to Longdown Activity Farm. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and we were extremely impressed with their behaviour - shining examples of the Wellstead Way! There will be a further day visit in the second half of the summer term and details will follow in the near future.

**Reminders**

When the weather does improve, please can you ensure you put suncream onto your child before they come to school and send a named bottle of suncream into school for your child to apply before lunch. All children also need to bring a named bottle of water and healthy snack daily.

**Library Days: Chickpea - Tuesday**

**Barley - Thursday**

**P.E Days: Chickpea - Tuesday**

**Barley - Wednesday**

The children will be doing PE outside this term so please ensure they have black jogging bottoms in school and that their plimsolls or trainers fit. Even though we are hoping for sun, it is still very cold outside. Please ensure your child comes into school with a coat.

**Homework:**

Please continue to hear your child read at home regularly and talk to them about their books. We are very pleased with how the children are progressing with their decoding skills and we will be continuing to work on these skills as well as comprehension skills in order to help them progress through our reading scheme.

This term, we will start to send spellings home with the children to learn. These will be sent home on a Friday and stuck inside a small spelling book. Please can you ensure that the **spelling book is returned to school each Friday** so that we can check that your child has been able to learn the spellings that have been set and give new spellings for the following week. When learning each spelling, it is really important that the children not only learn the spelling but also that they practise being able to use that word in context by putting it in a sentence. You could practise putting it in a sentence verbally or have a go at writing a sentence with it in. We hope that by introducing this in Year R that this will prepare the children for Year 1.

If you do have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to pop in and see us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Norgate and Mrs Patrick