

Summer is here!

As the warmer weather is upon us it is essential your children has a sun hat every day. May we also ask that sun cream/block is applied before your child comes in for their Nursery session.

Children also need to bring in a healthy drink, such as water, every day to help their brains stay ready to learn especially during the summer.

Please ensure all clothing is clearly named including sun hats – the half term break is a great opportunity to check this.

Reading and Phonics

Nursery books will continue to be changed on a **Tuesday**.

All children who bring a book bag to Nursery will continue to bring a story or information book home of their choosing. If your child is moving up to Reception in September they will also be bringing home a second book. This book is designed to encourage them to tell a story – they only have pictures in and it is up to your children to 'create' a story around the characters and events. Please feel free to record these stories in your child's 'Reading Diary'.

Daily Diet

Children need to hear at least 5 stories a day to help develop language skills, at school we aim to read 2/3 books per session. So at home please aim to share a further 2/3 books each day. Follow this link to find out more about the benefits of reading at home;
<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Nursery

Commotion in the Ocean

During this topic we will be looking at sea creatures, pirates and holidays. We will also be exploring the season 'Summer'.

Some of our focus stories will be: Commotion in the Ocean, Rainbow Fish and The Pirates Next Door.

To celebrate all our learning we will be having an Early Years Pirate and Beach Day.

Home Learning

Please take this time to enjoy being with your children; talk with them, walk with them and play with them!

To link with our topic you may want to discuss any holidays you have been on and share some pictures of these. It would be lovely if you could send these in with your child so they can share them with their friends to support their learning.

If you have difficulties printing photos you can always email them to the school –
homelearning@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk

The Foundation Stage Curriculum is delivered through Prime Areas: **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**; **Physical Development** and **Communication and Language**.

These core skills are developed through Specific Areas of Learning: **Literacy**; **Mathematics**; **Understanding of the World** and **Expressive Arts and Design**.

Dates for the Diary

Summer Term 2 is a busy one with lots of exciting things planned so here are some key dates for Nursery:

Early Years Assembly – Thursday 13th July
Pirate Day – Fridays 16th June
Sports Day – Thursday 6th July
Transition Day – Monday 17th July

Share, Learn and Play

These sessions will continue from Wednesday 7th June

AM – 8.40 - 8.55
PM – 3.05 - 3.20

We will be changing our focus to 'maths skills' for Summer term 2. Together the children can develop their numbers and shape, space and measure skills with you using a range of activities.