



Beatrix Potter (Class R)

Summer 1 Term Newsletter



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for our final term in Class R! Where has this year gone?

Our half term topic is 'Let it Grow!' We will engage in a wide range of activities through our subtopics: Marvellous Minibeasts, Plants and Down on the Farm. Our key texts include: Norman the Slug with a Silly Shell; The Little Red Hen and What the Lady Bird Heard. Alongside reading these texts, we will be planting seeds, exploring why there are tractors in our village and learning about the lifecycles of ducks and butterflies.

The progress the children have made with their reading since starting with us is incredible. We would like to make the most of the final term so please keep up the regular home reading and recording in your home school diaries.

I am looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress. Appointments are available on Tuesday 28th April or Thursday 30th April. Links for booking will be sent via email.

As the weather improves, please send your child with weather appropriate items e.g. a labelled sun hat and a full water bottle. On particularly sunny days, we strongly recommend that long lasting sun cream is applied at home as we are unable to apply sun cream to your child in school.

Our PE session with Mr Smith is still on Tuesday afternoon. Weather permitting, our PE sessions will now take place on the school field. Please send your child with a pair of appropriate footwear they can put on independently. Classic school plimsols or velcro trainers are great! Lace up trainers are not ideal.

A reminder that jewellery should not be worn in school, including earrings. This is part of our school policy and is in place to ensure children's safety and wellbeing. Jewellery can pose a risk during activities such as PE, outdoor learning and playtimes and can also be easily lost or damaged. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe.

We enjoy having milk and snack during our mid-morning story. We have a daily supply of fruit and vegetables, however we cannot guarantee the type of fruit or vegetable. If your child only enjoys particular fruits or vegetables feel free to send your child with a portion in each day to ensure they do not go without. Also, as we move through the year lots of our children are now turning 5, which means they will no longer receive the free school milk. If you wish for your children to continue to receive milk please visit: <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>.

We are setting up a junk-modelling area in class and would welcome donations of clean recycling, such as boxes and cartons, to support this. The children will be using these materials to explore creativity and build their own models.

We are often looking for toys and resources to help refresh our provision. At the moment, we are particularly in need of dolls and doll-related items, as well as wooden planks or similar items for our outdoor area. If you have any of these items that you would be happy to donate, we would be extremely grateful.

Thanks again,

Mrs Bradley, Mrs Beech & the EYFS team