

SALTWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class R Newsletter - Summer Term 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support last term. I really had a wonderful time getting to know everyone. Saltwood School has really made me feel very welcome. Our Jack and the Beanstalk theme was amazing. The children loved this and made excellent progress in all areas.

So now another exciting term in Class R is well on the way. Our topic of Minibeasts has got the children really excited and even more eager to learn more and more.

This topic provides many opportunities for your child to develop each area of learning as set out in the Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage:

Area of learning	Themes to explore
Communication and Language	Learning new words linked to Minibeasts Explaining own knowledge and understanding Listening to others carefully and responding appropriately Confidently asking and answering 'how' and 'why' questions
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Learning to resolve conflicts with other children independently Helping the nursery children to learn all about Class R Beginning to get ready for their transition to Class 1
Physical Development	Using a pencil effectively to form pre-cursive letters carefully Practising for Sports Day in PE lessons - developing skills such as running, jumping and throwing
Literacy	Finding information from books and computers Using their phonic knowledge to read sentences Writing simple sentences independently
Numeracy	Addition and subtraction Developing own methods to solve problems Counting and grouping
Expressive Arts and Design	Dance Exploring colour/texture/joining/simple tools
Understanding the world	Lifecycles Making observations of animals and plants, explaining why some things occur, and talking about changes
Religious Education	Special stories

If this Minibeast topic wasn't exciting enough I have added a couple of extra things to really bring this to life. The children have already been talking about how to use fruit, vegetables and other healthy snacks to create tasty minibeasts. We have already made bug jelly with blueberries, ladybirds with strawberries and caterpillars with grapes. The children absolutely loved these. In conversation with the 'Friends of Saltwood School' I have decided to support the Summer Fair with a stall of Healthy Mini beast snacks.

THE MINIBEAST FEAST STALL!

To this end all of next week the children will be creating and writing their own recipes to make these. I have included some more information with homework books this week about this, as I would like to ask everyone to create some of these to bring to sell at our stall.

MORE EXCITING EVENTS THIS TERM

Friday 5th July

Class trip out to Wildwood

Another really exciting event planned for this term will be our class R.....



Amazing

UGLY BUG BALL



Wednesday 10th July
3.30pm till 4.30pm

I have arranged for a children's entertainer to come along and to provide magic, music and games. The children will be invited to dress up for the party either as a bug, butterfly, bee or simply their own favourite party clothes if they prefer. The 'Friends Of Saltwood School' have kindly agreed that in return for our huge effort to support the summer fair, they will partially fund the cost of this event. There will therefore be a small contribution required from parents. More information concerning this will follow.

From the 1st July, we will start to welcome in our new pupils for September. Small groups of children will be spending short periods of time in class with us. I'm sure that I will be very proud of our current children who will have the responsibility of welcoming the young ones and showing them all of the exciting things they can play and learn here at Saltwood. I always say to the children here at Saltwood that they are the kindest children in the whole world, so I have every confidence in them that this will go well.

Once again thank you so much for your support, you have made me feel so welcome here. Saltwood really is such a lovely place to be part of.

Warm wishes

From Mrs Julie Ongley
Class R Teacher

