



# Reception Summer Term Newsletter



**Welcome back.**  
 We can't believe it is the Summer term already and that the children are in their last term with us!  
 This is always a busy term with lots of fun events.  
 Please ensure that you notify the office of any change of personal information (e.g. addresses or contact details) via [info@theraleigh.org](mailto:info@theraleigh.org). This will enable us to ensure that all communication reaches home efficiently.



Topics  
 Our topics for the this term are lots of fun! They are:

- Space
- Dinosaurs
- Farms & Food
- Minibeasts
- Kenya

If you have any books or resources you think we might find useful please do bring them in, (named).



Playtime Toys

In line with the school rules, many children bring in small toys to play with during their break times. We are aware that this is becoming a problem with some children swapping and / or losing them.

We are going to monitor this during the first week of term and if there continue to be problems we will have to ask that children do not bring toys in from home.

Please remind your child that the toys must fit in their tray and that they may not lend them to their friends.

Thank you!



Gardening!  
 We are very keen to get the children growing things this term. In order to be able to harvest & taste the crops before we break up we need to start with small plants rather than seeds. If you are able to buy cucumber, pepper or carrot 'plug' plants for us to grow please send them in. We would be most grateful.



Literacy  
 The support that you give your child with reading is invaluable. Please could you ensure that you write in their reading diary every time you read with them? They need to use the four main cues when they are reading i.e. the picture, phonics knowledge, context clues & also recognising some words by sight. Remember that asking your child to point to the words as they read really helps.

We have now taught the formation of all letters. We will spend the next few weeks recapping these and ensuring that they are applying them every time they write. We may send home some revision sheets for any children we feel would benefit from them. We will continue to teach phonics in our letters & sounds sessions and sending home their phonics books into which we will add any new sounds as we cover them.

Maths

In Numeracy we are continuing to work on number formation as well as recognising and writing larger, two digit numbers.

We will be widening the children's mathematical language through practical problems, activities & games as well as learning how to double and halve numbers and when to use this in practical situations.

Mathletics

Our online math's scheme, Mathletics, is a wonderful way for your child to have fun with maths as well as improving their confidence with numbers. If you have lost your child's log in please let us know and we will re-issue it to you.

Trip to the Moon!

The children have been enjoying the story of Whatever Next and so, like baby bear in the story, next Monday we are off to the moon! The children will need to bring a cardboard box, large enough for them to sit in but small enough for them to carry / drag, as well as a small bag of recyclable materials that they will use to modify their box. They will also need a colander (helmet), some wellies (space boots), a small snack and a drink along with a soft toy to take on the journey. They need to bring these with them to school next Monday (23rd April).  
 Any questions please do ask.



Now the summer term is here it is even more important that the children have a named water bottle in school each day. We now sell Raleigh logoed water bottles which are available for £3.50 from the school shop.

The weather can be unpredictable at this time of year, so we ask that unless the weather is glorious, you send your child to school with a coat each day. When the weather is warm it is advisable for them to wear sun cream. We are unable to re-apply cream at school so we suggest that you use the long lasting type. Please also send your child with a named sun hat. They are also available to buy from the school shop.

Trip to Nower Wood

We are off to Nower Wood on Monday 25th June.  
 A letter with further details will be with you later in the half term.

