

Year R Summer Term Updates



Summer Term already!

The year is certainly whizzing past as we head into the summer term with sunshine and some fun themes to end the year. It has been a wonderful year and the children have been exceptional in their motivation to learn and engage in new experiences. We are so proud of them as we are sure you are. Rest assured there will be a detailed handover to the lovely Year One team. We will all be working together to support every child in our comprehensive transition process to enable the children to settle into Year One and get to know their new teachers as soon as possible.



Thank You!



Thank you to all our Year R families for your lovely messages and continued support. You have all been wonderful! A particularly huge thank you to the team of parent helpers that have supported us this year.

Projects



We are all very excited about our final projects of the year. The children are currently enjoying learning all about animals following our truly memorable visit from Mill Cottage Farm. The children are very excited that Farmer Sarah and Farmer Tom have given us some chicken eggs to hatch. This will of course inspire a huge amount of learning.

This will be followed by our Little Green Heroes project where the children will plant and harvest foods to create some tasty treats as well as study the amazing growth in their environment. They will complete observational work and study other artists.

The second part of the Summer term will bring a theme based on an absolute favourite of the current cohort... Supertato! The children will enjoy designing and making their own super veg character and writing an adventure story about them. They will learn more about keeping healthy and making good choices.

Our final week's theme will be pirates, another all-time favourite! We will be making boats, exploring floating and sinking, counting treasure and much more. We are planning a Pirate themed celebration day with a treasure hunt on the afternoon of Friday 12th July. We hope you can join us!

The children may dress up for this if they wish but please do not buy new outfits! A simple t-shirt and shorts with an eyepatch will suffice. No swords, hooks or parrots please.

For the final week we are planning some 'experiences days' that weather permitting will include pond dipping, a paddling pool day and a woodland den building day.

Home Reading

Following on from the surveys Mrs Adams did earlier on in the spring term, we are launching our new Berrywood home reading initiative this summer term. All children that read at least four times a week will be entered into a weekly reading raffle – there is a big surprise coming for our superstar readers. Pupils' home reading will be monitored weekly and celebrated in school using our new home reading cards. Each time a pupil reads at least four times per week, their card will be initialled and displayed in class. Mrs Adams will be coming round to note down all the keen readers. The more you read, not only will you have a greater chance in our reading raffle, but you will also become a skilled and effective reader too!

Don't forget to sign up for our first parents'/guardians' phonics workshop on Thursday 2nd May 2024 where Mrs Adams will be sharing information on our new phonics programme: Essential Letters and Sounds. There will be tips and strategies for supporting your children in developing early reading skills.

Diary Dates ...

Mill Farm 16.4.24

Half-Term 27.5.24

Sports Day 5.6.24

(reserve date 12.6.23)

Summer Fayre – School within a Garden 22.6.24

INSET Day 24.6.23

Move Up Day 27.6.24

Final Tapestry post Tues 9.7.24

Download Tapestry from Thursday 11.7.24

Tapestry deadline Friday 19.7.24

Reports home 12.7.24

Pirate Day 12.7.24

Optional Early Finish 23.7.24

Reminders!

Please could you ensure your child is prepared for the weather: named hats, bottles for water and all day sun-cream are a must! Please could you also ensure that your child has a coat in school on changeable Spring days. Thank you.



Your child's learning journey on Tapestry will be available to download as a PDF from Thursday 11th July. This can be accessed on the Tapestry homepage at <https://evlj.org/settings/berrywood> Please look for 'Download PDF' on the drop down tab on your right.

You will have until Friday 19th July to download all the photographs and observations and save them as a permanent keepsake of all the hard work both you and the children have put into this year! After this date the files will be deleted due to GDPR etc. Please do not hesitate to contact the admin team if you need any help regarding this matter. We will send a final post on Tuesday 9th July as a reminder. Please do not post anything you wish to be included after this date.

We will endeavour to share some pirate day pictures with you but these unfortunately will be posted too late to be included in the download.

