

Miss Gleghorn
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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our newsletter for the second half of Summer term.

We will continue to keep **Tapestry** and the class page on the website updated so you can see what we're getting up to during the half term.

Please also remember the website has lots of other useful information on too (www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk).

Please make sure that your child has their **own water bottle** and if they have packed lunch that it is in a disposable bag.

Your child does **not** need a PE kit- our PE will be outdoors and normal uniform will suffice. We will be spending lots of time outdoors so please make sure your child has sunscreen and wellies.

Areas of Learning

This half term we will be continuing our topic of **The Great Outdoors**.

We will be spending much of our time on outdoor learning over this half term, making the most of the school grounds to explore our Great Outdoors topic. We will investigate our school environment and its geographical features. We will learn about man-made and natural features; rural and built-up areas; key landmarks and our local area; how our local area has changed over time; and ongoing observation of seasonal changes. We will also investigate what improvements we would make to our school grounds and why.

As scientists, we will be learning about plants. We will identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants and describe the basic structure of these plants.

In English, we will continue to follow the Read Write Inc. phonics programme to develop skills in phonic recognition, decoding words, inference skills and understanding how to use expression. We will be reading stories, poems and non-fiction books about our topic.

In Maths, we will be consolidating our learning. For Reception, this will be embedding fluency in numbers within 20: counting reliably within 20; placing numbers; one more and one less; adding and subtracting two single-digit numbers; and explore doubling, halving and sharing. Within the learning environment, Reception will also continue to explore 2D and 3D shape; patterns; and using everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money.

For Year 1, we will be developing fluency of place value within 50; addition and subtraction crossing two-digit numbers; continuing to learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables; and using the learning environment to learn about time and money.

Useful links:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

