



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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## Early Years Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after our Easter break. We hope you managed to dodge the showers and enjoy some sunshine. This half term we will be continuing to learn about our 3 different aspirations. Below is a reminder of what this entails.

### Aspirations

These are our main areas of learning that we are aspiring to achieve throughout this year.

Aspiration 1 – Who am I and where do I belong in the community and the wider world?

Aspiration 2 – How can I grow my own food and create a tasty recipe?

Aspiration 3 – Little people, big ideas.

### Finkley Down Farm Trip

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May we will be going on our Year R trip to Finkley Down Farm. A letter with more information was sent out before half term. Please complete the consent form on ScoPay by **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. If you have any questions about this trip please speak to your child's teacher.

### PE

PE takes place on a **Monday** this term. Last term, we noticed that a number of children did not have their PE Kit in school, so please ensure that your child brings this back after each holiday. We teach PE every week and it is important that children have their PE kit in school. All PE clothes need to be named. As always, we ask that long hair is tied back on these days and any earrings are either taken out or covered over with medical tape.

### Reading at home

Research tells us the benefits of reading with your child at home. These include helping them build language skills, learn about the world, and develop empathy and social awareness. Last term we noticed a dip in reading participation at home. At school we work on teaching reading skills through daily phonics, storytelling, literacy sessions and reading 1:1 with the children. In order for your child to continue to make progress, and meet their early learning goals, it is imperative that as part of our home

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school agreement, children continue to practice reading at home. The school expectation is that reading takes place at least 3 times a week. This should be your child reading their book from our phonics scheme. Your child's phonics book will now be changed every **Monday**.

Please see below some helpful links for reading. Each website includes free games. You can select Phase 2, 3 or 4.

- <https://letters-and-sounds.com>
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>
- <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

### **A3 Little People, Big Ideas**

In the last two weeks of this term we would like the children to have the chance to become mechanical, engineering and inventing experts. We would like to be able to explore taking objects apart and attempting to put them back together. In order for us to do this we would love your help. If anyone has anything that they would be prepared to donate to school, for example an old bike, scooters, plugs, analogue clocks or anything with wheels and cogs we would be very grateful. We would also love screws, nuts, bolts and hand held tools to explore.

### **Outdoor day**

This term our outdoor day will be on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. Please make sure your child is wearing suitable clothing for the weather on that day. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

### **A few reminders**

As the weather gets warmer, please apply sun cream to your child prior to them coming to school and ensure that they bring a hat with them. We spend a lot of time outside and it is important to keep them safe in the sun.

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation.

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