



Donaldson Class

Summer I 2023 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Mon 17 Apr - Training Day

Sun 23 Apr - St. George's Day

Mon 1 May - Bank Holiday

Fri 5 May - Coronation Fun

Mon 8 May - Bank Holiday

Fri 26 May - Break Up

TBC - School Trip

Reminders

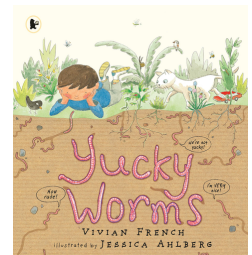
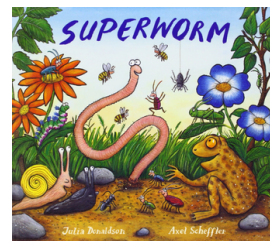
School Dinners: All dinners must now be ordered in advance. There is now an option to select 'Parent Provided Packed Lunch' which will save us time in the morning if packed lunch children could also have this done in advance please.

The weather is a little up and down and although it may appear sunny and warm in the morning, please still bring a coat to school for now.

What we are learning

This half term our topic is 'Why are Bugs Brilliant?' We will be enjoying the seasonal changes and all the learning that comes along with the arrival of Spring! Our role play area is now a very well stocked Garden Centre.

Our focus texts are:



In Literacy we are developing our sentence writing skills to include: starting with a capital letter, using finger spaces between words and finishing with a full stop. Our most important skill remains sounding out and spelling words with less help! You can encourage this by sounding out words and phrases and practising writing at home!

Our Values this half term are

Respect & Forgiveness

"Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

PE Kits Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on **TUESDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements (no wording or branding other than the school badge).

Reading Books

As we come towards the end of Reception, it is essential that the children continue to read at least 3 times per week at home.

They have learnt a lot since Christmas which needs to be practised continuously to embed the skills for Year 1.

Phonics



We have learnt all of our Phase 3 sounds:

ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air er

We are now in Phase 4 which focuses on longer and more complex words with the sounds we already know.

E.g. scrunch, strain, splutter and bands with several consonants adjacent to each other.

Please continue to support your children with reading at home at least 3 times per week and ideally daily.

Maths



In Maths, we are focusing on numbers 10-20. We will be counting, building, comparing and ordering with these numbers. We will also be developing our skills in addition and subtraction.

Our shape work will develop to include rotation of shapes to problem solve.

You can support your child's maths learning at home using Numbots.

Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16

From Mrs. Skelton, Mrs. Young, Mrs Darnton & Miss. Korovets

