



Signhills Infant
Academy

Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed some sunshine.

Our Theme:

This half term our theme is called '**Are we there yet?**' We will be finding out and exploring which vehicles move quickly and if you can ride a bike all the way to Australia, in this project about transport, travel, and places near and far. We will be setting up a Travel Agents role-play area, a garage and a car wash over the next few weeks.

Thank you for the holiday/day trip snaps you have sent in from home. We have used them to introduce the theme of holiday destinations and different types of transport used to get there. We have been looking at maps of the world and the UK to pinpoint children's holiday destinations.

Over the next half term we will be exploring the following themes:

- Different types of transport
- How things move
- Holiday destinations
- Fast and slow
- Keeping safe on the roads and pavements
- Imaginary and real journeys

Children are welcome to bring in books or objects relating to these themes to share with their friends or put out on display.

Literacy:



Reading and Writing - The children will continue to develop a love of reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. We will be encouraging children to recognise the tricky sounds in words and to develop fluency and expression through whole class, small group and individual reading. The children will continue to think of their own ideas for writing short sentences. We are focussing on children independently leaving spaces between words and beginning to use capital letters and full stops.

Phonics - This half term, children will be developing phonic word building and revising phase 3 sounds. To extend their knowledge we shall be introducing more complex words - CVVC words (such as **book**, **rain** and **keep**), CVCC words (such as **lamp**, **soft** and **sand**) and CCVC words (such as **frog**, **slip** and **trap**).

We would appreciate it if you could continue to practise the sounds on the sound mats we sent home recently.

Bug Club - Lots of children are continuing to read their online reading books on Bug Club. I've also noticed lots of children getting their reading awards!! A huge thank you for your continued support with this at home.

Maths:



In maths, children will be developing their skills of recognising and ordering numbers to 20 or beyond. In practical and written activities the children will be using the vocabulary involved in adding and

subtracting and counting on or back to find out the answers.

We are going to be giving children problems to solve including doubling, halving and sharing e.g. 'There are 3 children and six cookies. If we shared out the cookies, how many cookies would each child get? How are we going to find out the answer?' We will continue to count in groups of 2's, 5's and 10's, and learn to find different ways to make 10 e.g. 5+5, 9+1, 8+2, 3+7 and 4+6.

We will also be making ramps and rolling different vehicles down the ramps to measure the distance the vehicles have travelled.

Reminders

- **Milk** - Just a reminder that children who like milk and have recently turned 5 will only appear on our milk list if arrangements have been made to pay the subsidised fee on the Cool Milk website.
- **Swimming** - Children will need to bring their swimming kit to school most Tuesday mornings (see the diary dates for when swimming kits are needed) They will need swimming costumes/trunks (no swimming shorts please), swimming hat for girls or boys with longer hair styles and a towel. The swimming lessons are to help develop water confidence. All children are provided with back floats and woggles.
- **PE/Swimming** - Swimming lessons are now taking the place of our PE lessons. However, in the weeks where we do not have a swimming lesson, we will have a PE lesson as normal. We will also be practising for Sports Day this half term. **Please can PE kits be returned to school as soon as possible.**

Diary Dates:

- **Monday 1st May** - Early May Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 9th May** - Swimming
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A Dental Check for Reception children who are 5 years old
- **Friday 19th May** - Reception are sharing trophies, certificates or medals in the Celebration Assembly.
- **Tuesday 23rd May** - Swimming
Children will need to bring their swimming kits to school
- **Thursday 25th May** - Sports Day (First Attempt)
- **Friday 26th May** - Break up for Half Term

Thank you parents and carers for your continuing help and support!

The Reception Team

