



# ★ Newsletter ★

30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

I can't believe that there are only three weeks remaining of the school year before your children move to their next class!! Although the year seems to have flown by, we have certainly had a lot of fun, packed in so much learning and your children have made so much progress – I am very proud of each and every one of them.

The children were very excited about the East Bridgford Village Show and it was lovely to hear about what they got up to. A huge well done to those children who made the effort to enter the competitions or perform – we are very proud of you!

I hope you all enjoyed our 'Key Stage 1 Sports Day' on Wednesday afternoon. The children certainly had a lot of fun and we were all very proud of how well they supported each other and tried their very best. Always an enjoyable event!

It was lovely to see so many of you at the school BBQ last night – we were very lucky with the weather as we usually are and all of the children seemed to be having a great time.

We have been working very hard over the last couple of weeks. Our 'Animal Part' topic is well underway now and the visit from 'Lion Learners' has been invaluable – we have been able to refer back to so much of the information that we learnt first-hand during that visit. Our most recent work has been about animal groups and the children have spent time discussing a range of different living things and from this have been able to classify them into six groups – amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates, birds, mammals and fish. Hopefully, they should be able to tell you a little bit about their learning!

We are still enjoying our outdoor P.E. sessions with Nick every Friday and have been lucky enough to use the field this half term. Nick introduced the game of rounders to the children and they absolutely loved it! The batting team use a tennis racket which works really well. We were both so impressed with how quickly they picked up the basic rules of the game and

worked so well as a team as fielders. We were also very impressed with their accurate throwing and catching at this age – all the different skills covered in P.E. this year with both Gordon and Nick have certainly paid off!

### Maths:

The year 1 children have focused their learning on fractions. They have worked really hard with this and now completed our unit. We have learnt how to recognise a half, and half a quantity and object. From this, we learnt that we can also quarter an object or amount by halving and halving again.

In year 2, we have now finished our work on telling the time. This is a unit that will be revisited in Year3. The children have worked really hard but a lot of it has been quite challenging – especially time telling in five-minute intervals and matching analogue times to digital times. Any extra practice of this over the summer holidays would be very useful and there is a learning game on 'Top Marks' that helps with this. It is free app and the children love it!

### English:

As well as spelling, handwriting and reading comprehensions, the children are continuing to really enjoy our writing focus. We have worked so hard on a range of writing skills and styles through 'Talk for Writing'. This has involved learning the original story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears with actions, creating and editing our own story maps and writing an edited beginning, middle and end. We have also used a range of descriptive sentences and looked at dialogue and sentence starters in closer detail. Once our 'Hot Write' stories are complete, they should be a joy to behold after all that hard work!

### Additional Information:

- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for Monday and an outdoor kit for Friday sessions.
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – School closed for children – Inset Day.
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Open Afternoon 1.30pm – 4.30pm
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Race for Life (am)

Have a great longer than usual weekend!

Miss Fisher 😊