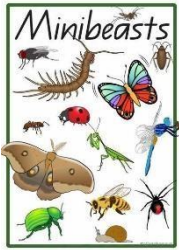


Reception Newsletter

Summer Term 2026

Welcome back after the Easter break, we hope you all had a lovely relaxing time. We are looking forward to another fun filled term with the children. Mrs Pett will be returning to school soon and working alongside the reception team. We are so glad to have her back and happy that she is feeling better.

Topic



This term our topic covers both half terms. We are learning about 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We will be looking at Mini-beasts and Dinosaurs. The second half we will focus on animals from the sea and farms by exploring fiction and non-fiction books. We are very excited to be able to visit a Farm to meet the animals and learn more about different farm animals in June.



English

The children are all doing extremely well with their phonics and I am very proud! We have now learnt all our Set 1 and most Set 2 sounds and are practicing reading short simple sentence containing these sounds including 'red' words. Each week your child will change their Read Write Inc book or book bag book; these are matched alongside a similar book your child would have been sharing in their phonics groups that week. These books are designed for the children to read independently and to help develop their fluency whilst reading. **Please make sure your child's sharing book, Read Write Inc book and reading record are in their book bag every day.** Also, encourage your child to practice reading and writing their 'red' words, these are words that cannot be sounded and need to be learnt by sight.

This term we are focusing on developing our independent writing in preparation for Year 1. We are working on correct letter formation when writing and using finger spaces when writing sentences. We will begin to focus on having an awareness of capital letters and full stops in sentences.

Maths

This term we are continuing to develop our maths skills through the Numicon approach. Please encourage your child to practice their number fluency skills on Numbots every week for 10 minutes. Numbots helps to support children to develop a strong number sense. Within Numbots the children will be practicing their subitising skills, number bonds and addition and subtraction facts.



PE Information



Our PE day will still be on **Monday**. This half-term we are developing our striking and fielding skills. Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately in PE kit on this day. This includes wearing their **house colour t-shirt, appropriate black/navy shorts/tracksuit, black/navy jumper** and dependent on the weather and plimsolls or trainers.

Please ensure that earrings are removed on Monday. Long hair should be tied back securely every day. **Please ensure all uniform, PE kit, book bags, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly name labelled.**

Important dates

Thursday 23rd April - Peter Pan Drama workshop

We are delighted to have another free drama workshop! Please send your child in to school in their school uniform.

Thursday 30th April - class photo day!!!

Please make sure your child comes to school in their full school uniform.

Farm trip (date TBC)

Please make sure you have checked Parent Mail to sign the consent form and pay for our school trip. Please let me know if you are available to support on this day, I will need about 2 parent helpers.

Tuesday 9th June and 16th June - Reception NHS screening

A nurse will be visiting and checking the children's height, weight, eyesight and hearing. We will share a short video in class to share what to expect.

Wednesday 10th June - Huff and Puff (am)

Children will be taking part at a sporting event at the Arena learning ball skills and a variety of games they can play to extend their gross motor skills. I will need some volunteers to join us for this event, please let me know if you are available.

Friday 26th June or 3rd July - Sports Morning

Children will be taking part in a variety of sporting activities and races; you are invited to join us and cheer on your children.

If you have any questions or queries, please catch me on the door or email the office at office@bartonsprimary.school and these can be forwarded on.

Many Thanks,

Miss Reed, Mrs Pett, Miss White and Mrs Gardener