

Reception Newsletter

April 2013

Learning Focus

Our learning focus for this half term is 'Senses'. We have already been busy, finding out about our senses of sight and touch. Next week, we will be finding out about our sense of hearing, going on a listening walk and exploring noisy poems. We will then explore our senses of smell and taste. The learning focus will culminate with the children designing and making a pizza using toppings they will have chosen themselves. The next few weeks will look like this:



22nd April	Hearing
29th April	Taste and Smell
6th May	Designing Pizzas
13th May	Making Pizzas



Dates for your diary

Our final workshops for this year will be at 9am - 10.30 on:

- Blue Class 20th May
- Red Class 21st May
- Yellow Class 22nd May



The theme of this workshop is The Hungry Caterpillar and has a mathematical emphasis. A letter will be sent nearer to the time.

Hats and Water



As we (hopefully) approach the warmer weather during the summer, could you ensure that children bring a water bottle into school every day. This should only contain water. In Reception, a lot of our learning takes place outside so it is important that children bring a clearly named cap or hat to school on sunny days so they are sheltered from the sun.

Please note that sun creams and sunglasses are not allowed in school. If you feel it is appropriate for your child to wear sun cream, we would recommend that you apply a long lasting sun cream before they come to school.



Allergy Alert

As part of our 'Senses' learning focus, children will have the opportunity to taste a variety of foods throughout the half term. During our 'Taste and Smell' week, the children will be able to taste a small sample of different flavoured crisps to help them to think about their likes and dislikes. Later on in the half term, the children will taste different pizza toppings: ham, pineapple, chicken, sweetcorn, mushroom and red pepper. They will then make a pizza using two toppings they will have chosen and put them on a bread base covered with tomato sauce and cheese. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any concerns.

Thank you, from the Reception Team:

Mrs McFall, Miss Douglas, Mrs Meara, Mrs Baban, Mrs Joyner, Mrs Wells, Mrs Perry and Miss Hall