

## Dates for the diary

### May

Monday 20th May  
Rev Goodliff Assembly - 2.30pm  
Wednesday 22nd May  
Race for Life event  
Thursday 23rd May  
Reception measurements  
Friday 24th May  
Weald Country Park - Peacock  
& Swan  
Reception measurements  
Break up for half term

### June

Monday 3rd June  
Return to school  
Thursday 13th June  
PTA Father's day sale  
Monday 17th - Friday 21st  
Health Week  
Monday 17th June  
Reception artist visit  
Tuesday 18th June  
Nursery sports day  
Reception sports day  
Wednesday 19th June  
Yr 1 Sports day  
Yr 2 Sports day  
Tuesday 25th June  
Yr 2 treasure hunt  
Sept' 19 nursery and reception  
cohort Stay & play - 2-3pm  
Wednesday 26th June  
Yr 2 treasure hunt  
Thursday 27th June  
Yr2 More able Lego Robotics  
day  
Yr 2 treasure hunt  
Art exhibition in foyer  
Friday 28th June  
KS1 3 tee's cricket

### July

Wednesday 3rd July  
Gemma's Farm visit

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, eight of our Year 2 children took part in a Southend Primary Sports Association Quad Kids Competition, a multi-skill athletics event. They all competed extremely well and displayed great sportsmanship, great ambassadors for the school. They narrowly missed out on a team trophy but Hunter won the Individual Boy Trophy for his results. Congratulations to the team!

Three of our Reception Classes visited Weald County Park this week for a 'Billy Goat's Gruff' activity day. They had an exciting day, building bridges and making houses in the woods. I'm sure they had a lot to tell you when they returned.

Next week we have our Race for Life event. The children will be running or walking the 2km route set out around the field, supported by staff. Good luck to everyone. Sponsor money should be brought into school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## Sneak peek at our week

### Year N - Nursery

This week we have been looking at the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have enjoyed exploring this story and listening to different endings. We have been busy making large scale houses of sticks, straw and painted bricks. In Math, some children have been focusing on number recognition (1-5), some children have been talking about shapes of everyday objects and some have looking at what one more or less is from a group of 5 objects.

The children have enjoyed various activities to help their listening skills including playing the game 'Mrs Browning has a box'. Other children have been continuing to look at alliteration. Miss Brooks has introduced the sound 'k' to her Read, Write Inc group.

The children have been very excited as we have begun to start practising races for our Sports day.

This week's sounds are: 'p', 'g' and 'o'.

REMINDER: On Thursday parents are invited to join us for a story at 2.40pm.

Morning parents are invited at 9am.

Next Friday is our last day of term. To celebrate the end of our theme 'Once upon a time' we will be dressing up as a favourite story character. We can't wait to see the fabulous costumes.

Also on Friday the children will be having a Teddy Picnic so please could your child bring in a small teddy, clearly labeled with their name.

### Year R - Reception

This week Swan and Peacock class have been learning about 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have been working in small teams to design and build a house for the Three Little Pigs. We have been looking at different materials, naming them and thinking about their properties. We have been discussing which materials would be best to build a house with.

Woodpecker, Owl and Kingfisher classes have been learning about 'The Three Billy Goat's Gruff'. They have been learning to build a variety of different bridges that the Goats could use to cross the river safely. They finished the week with a trip to Weald Country Park, where they explored the story in the natural environment.

In literacy the children are continuing to write sentences independently. In Maths we are continuing to focus on the children's individual next steps in their learning. In our Maths meetings we are learning to count in 2's, 5's and 10's

REMINDER: Swan and Peacock - Billy Goat's Gruff Trip Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

## Outdoor Learning

**Monday 20th**

Heron

**Tuesday 21st**

Duck

**Wednesday 22nd**

Dragonfly

**Thursday 23rd**

Frog

**Friday 24th**

Newt

## School Swimming

All children should have their swimming kit in school for their lesson.

- **Costume/trunks** – one piece costume (not a bikini) / fitted trunks (not bermuda shorts)
- **Swimming hat** – available from school office
- **A towel**

Letters will be sent home if your child does not have an item of kit. If your child has a verruca, we ask that you treat and cover with a waterproof plaster.

## Uniform Donations

The school would really value any donations of good quality, clean underwear that no longer fits your child. We have a large box of boys briefs but have limited knickers for girls. Thank you

## Sun Safety

With the weather warming up, we encourage all children to follow the 'Wrap, Splat, Hat' sun awareness programme. **Wrap** up in a t-shirt and shorts, **Splat** on some suncream to all parts of the body, always wear a **Hat** with a wide brim to keep your neck and face in the shade.

Children can wear a peaked hat at school, however, we do not allow sunglasses unless for medical reasons.

## Weekly Attendance Award

Reception: Peacock – 99.3%

Year 1: Heron – 99.7%

Year 2: Hedgehog – 98.1%



## Year 1

This week we have been looking at Peter Rabbit. We watched an episode of the BBC programme; Peter Rabbit and the treehouse rescue, which focused on the characters of 'Old Brown' the Owl and Peter Rabbit. We looked at their appearance and personality, using adjectives to describe them. We also looked at screenshots from the video, focusing on the characters facial expressions and body language. In Maths, we have been looking at mass. Using the balance scales, we compared the mass of different items using the language 'heavier than' and 'lighter than'. We also used cubes as a unit of measure and calculated how many cubes were the same mass as each object. Continuing our animal theme we have been looking at carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We have looked at what different animals eat and classified them into the different categories. In PE, we have been learning how to play 3 tees cricket.

**REMINDER: Reminder – OUTDOOR LEARNING NEXT WEEK.**

Race for Life is on Tuesday next week; children can come in to school wearing their sportswear.

## Year 2

This week has been very busy and the children have been working very hard! We have written some brilliant posters advertising holidays in Kenya in Literacy and then moved onto exploring diary entries. The children have written a diary entry of an exciting day they have had and then researched a day in the life of a Kenyan child. They wrote a diary entry as if they were in the shoes of a Kenyan child. The children have been discussing the similarities and differences between their school day and that of a Kenyan child's. In Maths we have revisited 2d and 3d shapes and have described their properties as well as making comparisons between them. In Outdoor Learning we have planted sunflower seeds, which we will look after in our classes until they need planting outside.

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Fox Class have PE on Monday and Squirrel Class have PE on Friday whilst we have the sports coach in.

Cereal boxes and shoe boxes still needed so the children can make their Safari Jeeps next week please! Thank you

## Dinner menu

### Monday

R - Chargrilled chicken enchiladas with hand cut potato wedges

G - Ultimate mac & cheese

P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise

Chopped house salad & sweetcorn

Pear & apple oath crumble with custard

### Tuesday

R - Farm assured British Beef Lasagne with garlic bread shard

G - Sweet potato & chickpea korma with citrus infused rice

P - Pasta with tomato & basil sauce

Seasonal shredded cabbage & carrots

Chocolate beetroot brownie

### Wednesday

R - Honey glazed garlic & lemon infused British roast chicken, traditional gravy with roast potatoes.

G - Roasted aubergine & sweet cherry tomato moussaka

P - Wholemeal pasta with tomato & basil sauce

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Roasted seasonal root vegetables & garden peas  
Raspberry ripple ice cream

### Thursday

R - British cumberland sausages with bubble & squeak mash in a Yorkshire pudding with onion gravy

G - Green lentil & spinach Dhal with coconut & lemon grass rice

P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise

Broccoli & carrots

Traditional sultana sponge with custard

### Friday

R - Battered cod & chips with tartar sauce

G - Mexican bean burger with lime yoghurt & salsa rosa

P - Jacket potato with or cheddar cheese or salmon mayonnaise

Baked beans & garden peas  
Maryland cookie