



South Gosforth First School
EYFS Half Termly News



Summer Term 2 June 2021

Welcome Back!



Welcome to the final half term of the year!

We hope you all had a lovely half term holiday and enjoyed spending time in the sunshine with family and friends that you may not have seen for some time. The children have certainly been excited to tell us this week of all the fun things they got up to!

We cannot believe how quickly this year has gone, but we are very proud of all of the children and the progress they have all made.

We are looking forward to spending the next few weeks having lots of fun together!

Please see the attached EYFS Timetable so that you can see how we will be organising our days this half term. You will notice that we have included handwriting sessions into our week and have less Busy Play timetabled to help prepare the children for the transition to Year 1.



Water Bottles

At this time of year, it can get very warm in school, so please can you ensure that your child has a named water bottle with them every day (filled with water not juice please).

Reading

This half term, we will continue with our weekly Guided Reading sessions on a Wednesday and will also hear the children read individually every other week. We do not have set days for this, so please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading diary in their bag every day.



Reading Rockets

Please can you also continue to help your child to learn their Reading Rocket words.

We will continue sending home two Reading Rockets every fortnight for the children to learn. These rockets contain high frequency words that can be more difficult for the children to learn as they cannot be sounded out. They will be checked each time your child reads. If your child reads the word correctly, it will be highlighted green and if they are unsure of a word it will have a pink dot next to it so that you know which words to continue practising. Your child will move onto the next rocket/s if they get 4 out of 5 words correct.

Sun Hats and Sun Cream

As the weather improves, please could you provide your child with a **named** sun hat in their bag each day.

We are unable to apply sun cream in school, so please could you ensure that you apply sun cream (preferably one that will last all day) before you bring your child to school.



P.E.



This half term, we will continue to have PE every **Wednesday**.

The children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits every Wednesday. They will need to wear their PE T-shirt, school jumper or cardigan, dark tracksuit bottoms/shorts and trainers.

Weather permitting, we will aim to have our PE sessions outside.

We will also be having a dance session on Tuesday afternoons. The children do not need to come to school in their PE kit on Tuesdays though as we will just take our shoes and socks off to dance in bare feet.

Maths

This half term, we will be revising the names and properties of 3D shapes and will be learning about the composition of teens numbers.



Tapestry and Homework

We will continue sending our homework activity timetable to you every Friday. This will be posted in the documents section of Tapestry.

Please could you send the signed weekly homework timetable, photos and videos to us on Tapestry. We love seeing the activities that the children have been doing at home and how much they have remembered from their learning in school and greatly appreciate your support with this.

Just a reminder that we do also post weekly updates of what we have been getting up to in Reception on our school Twitter page, @SouthGosforthFS, and our Facebook page.



Literacy and Phonics

We continue to have our daily Phonics session and will spend this half term revising and consolidating the sounds that we have learnt so far.

In Literacy this half term, we will continue to work on developing the children's confidence and independence with writing.

Voices of Virtue

We have five more weeks of singing with the Voices of Virtue gospel choir. The children are loving our Friday morning sessions and have started learning our new school song which we can't wait for you to hear!



Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 8th July and Thursday 15th July - Transition mornings to new Year 1 class and teacher

Monday 19th July - 'The Wizard of Oz' Theatre Production in school

Tuesday 20th July - Water Play Fun day *

Thursday 22nd July - Reception Picnic on the field *

*More information will be sent to you about these events nearer the time.

Thank you!

We just wanted to end our last newsletter of the year with a huge thank you!

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for all of your support this year. It has been another strange year for us all and we have greatly appreciated all of the support that you have given to us and to your children, particularly with home learning during lockdown, when we know how difficult things were for everyone.

And lastly.....a huge thank you to all of the children for being so wonderful and for giving us a year full of laughs and smiles every day! We have loved being part of the children's first year at SGFS and look forward to seeing them grow and develop as they move through school.

