

Murphy Class Newsletter



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As the weather begins to get warmer, the children must bring a water bottle and sun hat to school each day. Also, please remember to apply sun cream to your child before school. They are welcome to bring a bottle of sun cream to school, with their name on, that we can reapply if necessary. This must **not** be Nivea sun cream if it contains almond oil (due to allergies of nuts).

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 4th May – School Closed (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 22nd May – Break up for May Half Term



Donations



This half term, we are going to be thinking about how the world is changing, including the weather and the seasons. Last term, the children loved spotting signs of Spring. During the summer term, we spend a lot of time in the garden, preparing and planting flowers and vegetables for our growing projects. If you are able to donate bags of compost, plant pots or seeds we would be so very grateful. The children are always so enthusiastic about growing in the garden, and we really want to embrace their excitement and make the most of the hands-on learning opportunities.



Favourite 5 and Virtual Library

Each half term, we will continue to be reading 5 key texts – This half term, our 'Favourite 5' books are:



Six Dinner Sid
Aliens Love Underpants
The Colour Monster
My Hair
Stanley's Stick



You can listen to Miss Harrison read these stories on our virtual library.
<https://www.crossqatesprimary.co.uk/summer-1-9/>



Baby Photos



As well as thinking how the world is changing, we will be thinking about how the children are changing and growing. To aid discussions, please can you upload a photo, to Tapestry, of your child as a baby. Also, any photos of special memories, such as birthdays, holidays or special milestones, would be much appreciated.

We are sure the children will enjoy sharing these with their friends and will really inspire lots of conversation!

Early Years Story Shed

Please remember to use our Early Years story shed to borrow books to take home and enjoy reading with your children.

Reading for pleasure in the early years helps children:

- Build words and literacy skills
- Spark curiosity and a love of learning
- Understand feelings and grow empathy
- Fuel imagination and creativity
- Set up for school success



There is a record book for you to log which book you have borrowed and the date. There will also be a space for you to date when it has been returned.

Reading Cafe and Stay and Play

This half term, we will be continuing our phonics themed 'Stay and Play' sessions. There will be a range of phonics games and activities for you to play with your child and ideas for supporting writing development. We hope this will give you a greater insight to how phonics is taught in school and how you can support your child at home.

You will be invited on either **Wednesday 29th April at 2:30pm** or **Wednesday 13th May at 2:30pm**. Keep an eye out in your child's book bag for your invitation!

Our next play-based Stay and Play session will be on **Wednesday 20th May at 2pm**.

We look forward to you joining us at these events!