#### Don't Forget

- Cooking/sensory activity money of £6.50 for this term, and tissues.
- School uniform is compulsory and no jewellery. Hats and sunscreen to be used in hot weather.
- Spare clothes in a named bag to keep in school.
- Book bags, with reading book and reading record must be brought to school every day.
- Library books to be returned on allocated day.
- School starts 8.55am and ends at 3.15pm.
- If your child is unwell please phone school (02083602149) in the morning and then write a letter when your child returns to school.
- As the weather should be getting warmer, please ensure that all items of removable clothing have your child's name clearly written on them.
- Please remember to NOT play on the outdoor equiptment when dropping off or picking up your child.

### Expressive Arts and Design:

We encourage children to use a range of media and resources to represent their own ideas and feelings, including painting, collage, model-making, role play, singing and dancing.

### Understanding the World:

This will be a prominent area of our curriculum this term. We will be having lots of fun watching how our caterpillars change, and we will be investigating in our 'Mini-beast Laboratory'. We will be getting busy in our gardening area outside, where the children will observe how plants grow. If you have any unwanted gardening resources or seeds that may be appropriate they will be greatly appreciated. Please see a member of staff-Thank you. We will also be learning all about sea creatures and their habitats, which will link to our text 'Surprising Sharks' after half term.

## Dear Parents/ Carers

Class photos: Tuesday 1st May. Sports day: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June Hearing check: mid-June Date to be arranged summer Teddy Bears Picnic.

Reception Curriculum New<mark>s</mark>

Topic: Fit For Life

Value : Determination

# Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

As we have reached the last leg of our journey together in Reception, we now need to work on ensuring the children have a smooth transition to their next learning stage. To facilitate this, we will be working closely with our Year One colleagues. We will continue to encourage the children to take responsibility for their own actions, and supporting them to manage changes and transitions.

# Communication and Language:

Children will be encouraged to use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events, and to ask and answer 'how' and 'why' questions about experiences and stories.

## Physical Development:

We will continue to use our outdoor areas for children to extend their control and coordination. All 3 classes will also continue to do PE on Tuesday. Different activities will also continue to develop fine motor skills.

### Mathematics:

Children will be using mathematical language to compare quantities and objects, in relation to weight, capacity, time and money. We will also be working hard on addition and subtraction, including counting on and counting back to find the answer.

### Literacy:

Children will be working on developing independence when reading and writing full sentences, using both phonetic spellings and sight words. Please continue to support us by reading every day with your child and returning book bags daily.