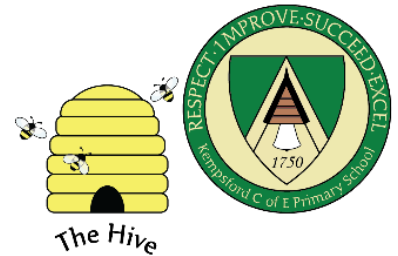


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Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had a lovely Easter holiday. We are all looking forward to a busy and exciting fifth term with your child/ren. Below is some useful information.

Value - Trust

This term our value is Trust. We will introduce this value through the bible story 'Jesus Calms the Sea' and then talk about who we trust and why. We will be making some 'trusting hands' and the children will draw pictures to illustrate them for our class values board.

Phonics

Reception

This term we will continue phonics with Unlocking Letters and Sounds.

The children will begin learning Phase 4 phonics. They will be able to recognise and recall each of the 42 phonemes by a grapheme and be able to blend phonemes to read CVC words and segment CVC words for spelling. They will have some experience in reading simple two-syllable words and captions. They will know letter names and be able to read and spell some common exception words.

The purpose of this phase is to consolidate the children's knowledge of graphemes in reading and spelling words containing adjacent consonants and polysyllabic words.

The children will be working more on their letter and number formation this term and developing a comfortable and effective pencil grip.

We will also introduce the children to guided reading, where the focus is on actively supporting the children as they read a carefully chosen text, helping them to develop essential reading strategies and to build their confidence.

Pre-school

This term we will be learning all about Alliteration in Phase 1 Phonics.

This aspect brings an introduction to letters and the alphabet, using only listening skills. Before children can learn individual letter sounds, they will learn to hear letter sounds in speech. They learn to tune into words that may start with the same sounds but end with different sounds.



Maths

Reception

This term in Maths, we will be diving into the fascinating world of composition of numbers. This fundamental concept helps children understand that numbers are not just single entities but can be made up of smaller parts. It's a crucial building block for developing strong number sense and preparing them for addition and subtraction.

Pre-school

This term in Maths, we will be having lots of fun exploring the world of 2D and 3D shapes. This is a key area of early mathematical development, helping the children to understand the properties of objects around them and build important spatial reasoning skills.

Reading

Wednesday is our designated day to visit the library. Please ensure your child brings in their library book **every Wednesday**, as we cannot issue a new book with an outstanding book. The children love visiting the library to look at new and exciting books and stories.

Please continue to read with your children at home and record in their reading record books. If you do not want to write a comment then please, just initial so we know your child has read their book with you. The children are doing so well working towards their reading certificates. Please ensure your child's books are in school after each read.

Book Hook

This term our Book Hooks will be 'The Three Little Pigs'. This story focus on our school value of Trust. We will be planning many learning opportunities around the story to enhance their vocabulary, skills and knowledge.

We will introduce the children to our new role play area 'The Pigs Building Site.' We will be sending out Pick and Mix homework centred on our Book Hook for the children to continue their learning at home. Please bring in any completed homework in for the children to share with us and to earn Dojo points.

Barnaby Bear

The children have really enjoyed our Chatterbox sessions these past two terms and now we will be inviting Barnaby Bear to visit you over the weekends during the summer terms. Barnaby loves to explore new places and comes with his own suitcase, change of clothes and even his toothbrush when he visits. If you do something or take Barnaby Bear somewhere over the weekend, please fill in his journal to tell us all about your adventures so we can share this with your friends and teachers.

RE and PSHE

This term our RE unit is 'Where do we belong?'
Our circle time unit is 'Getting on and falling out'.

PE

Mrs Ballard will continue to do PE with the Hive on Tuesday morning. This term in PE, they will be participating in outdoor adventurous activities.

Reminder

Please have at least one spare set of clothes for your child in school each day. All children need to bring in a water bottle daily and Reception children need to bring in a healthy snack each morning for snack time.

Please keep looking at the Kempford Facebook page as we often upload our learning and activities for you to see.

If you have any questions or concerns, please ask one of The Hive Team.

Many thanks
Mrs Turner and Mrs Hamlet and Mrs Richens.