

September 2025

Dear Parents,

## Curriculum Letter for Sunflowers and Daisies Classes



### This term's **BIG** question: What if Paddington got lost in Daventry?

This is our enquiry this term and will therefore be the focus for all of our learning. The knowledge organiser will tell you all about what your child will be learning in each subject. We will be finding out what Paddington wears, what he eats and where he is from as well as having opportunities to show Paddington around our homes and our town.



All areas of the curriculum shall be covered under this topic.

### Maths:

In Maths we will be following the White Rose Maths scheme of work. In Autumn 1, Reception children will begin their White Rose Maths journey with the unit "Match, Sort and Compare." Through practical and playful activities, they will explore matching objects, sorting into groups, and comparing quantities using early mathematical language such as "more," "fewer" and "the same." In the second block, "Measure and Patterns," children will investigate and compare objects by size, weight and capacity through hands-on exploration. They will also enjoy spotting, creating and continuing simple patterns, laying the groundwork for later problem-solving and reasoning.



## Reading

We will be reading lots of brilliant books daily with your child. In addition, they will be able to choose a new library book once a week. Please post pictures on do jo of your child enjoying stories at home. They will be exploring books in greater depth in our writing lessons – please see below for details of these.

The children's phonics journey is up and running and we are busy learning all the single letter sounds. The aim is that by half term they know at least 16 of these to ensure that they are on track already. We will be teaching the single sounds in short whole class sessions and then in small groups alongside being able to blend and segment words – eg; c-a-t and b-e-d. You will be amazed at how quickly your child picks this up!

After half term, so early November, we will be inviting you into school for a phonics workshop where you will learn more about how we teach phonics and be able to join your child in a phonics lesson. We do this after half-term so that your child is very settled into school. We will inform you about your child's progress in phonics just after half term by sending home a tracking sheet.



## Writing-

This term we will be beginning our journey towards becoming wonderful writers. We will be following our kinetic letters scheme to help us be able to hold our writing tools correctly and to form letter shapes beautifully. We will be exploring how to write our names and using our new phonics skills to help us hear sounds in words for writing independently. We will start by listening for initial sounds, final sounds and then all sounds in simple words.

Many storybooks will be the focus for our writing this term. These will include; Brown Bear Brown Bear and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. In addition, our exploration of our BIG question will also lead to many exciting mark making and writing opportunities



### Other things to note:

- Home Learning projects can be sent into school whenever you have done them. This can be via a photo or video uploaded onto your child's Dojo portfolio.
- Our PE will be on **Tuesdays for Daisies and Thursdays for Sunflowers**
- Our library day will be **Tuesday for Sunflowers and Thursdays for Daisies**
- All children do need a **change of clothes**; in case of accidents. Children are usually happier to be changed into their own things, rather than any spares we might have. We will keep these safe in school.
- Wellies - please ensure that your child has a pair of **wellies**, we will use these daily for outdoor learning.
- Water bottles will be sent home every Friday for washing, please ensure that these are returned every Monday so that your child has access to a drink throughout the day.
- Please also keep an eye out on Class Dojo for other announcements that may arise and for further information about your child's learning experiences.
- Names on everything please!



Starting school at the right time is so important – learning starts as soon as your child enters the classroom



### Upcoming Events:

- We will be taking the children on a community walk, this will be in the next couple of weeks, The date will be confirmed as soon as possible. Any questions or concerns please do ask



### **Book and Biscuit sessions this year**

These sessions are for family members to come in and share some stories with their child whilst they enjoy a biscuit or two. The dates for these for the year are:

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45-3.10pm
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45-3.10pm
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 2.45-3.10pm

### **Reception cake sales**

These are held twice a year. We ask parents to kindly donate cakes and biscuits to raise money to buy new resources for the children. The cake sales take place at 3pm in the afternoon. The dates this year are:

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm



If you have any questions or queries, please do ask either at the start of the day or when you collect your child at the end of the day or via Dojo.

Thank you so much,

Miss Fuller, Mrs Patel, Miss Bradley, Miss Cox, Miss Street and Mrs White