



John Blandy Primary School

Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term 2. We can't quite believe it is the last term already! We hope you had an enjoyable half term.

Curriculum

Please see the attached sheet which outlines our curriculum this term. It is titled 'Adventures'. The first text we are exploring is 'Katie in London' before moving onto 'Handa's Surprise'. We will be exploring the story through role play and talk, and linking it closely to Understanding the World where we will be comparing life in the UK to Africa. Later in the term, we will be reading the story 'Wangari's Trees of Peace' and learning more about Kenya in Africa.

Suitable Clothing

The weather is still very changeable so please ensure that your child is well equipped for whatever it may bring! Please can all children be equipped with a waterproof jacket, sun hat and on warmer days, please can sunscreen be applied before school.

Important dates

Sports' day will take place on Tuesday 30th June in the morning, followed by a picnic lunch on the field with parents/carers. More details will follow in the newsletter. Your child will need a plain t-shirt in their house colour to run in. Please check with a member of staff if you are unsure on which colour house your child is in.

Reception's school trip to Beale Park will take place on Friday 10th July. We will share more information on this nearer the time, including how you can order a packed lunch for your child to take on the trip if you wish to.

Phonics, Reading and Writing

Thank you so much for all the support you are continuing to give your children at home with their reading and phonics. Please continue to listen to your child read and encourage them to become more and more confident each time they read a text. As your child's confidence with a text increases, perhaps they could read it over the phone to a family member? Or read to a sibling? As they re-read their book over the week they might not need to 'Fred Talk' every word out loud and this is great as it shows their skills developing.

In school this term, we will be continuing to encourage the children to develop their independent writing, working towards the writing Early Learning Goal. It would be great for the children to be challenged at home to have a go at writing for different purposes such as writing a shopping list, writing a sentence or two about a trip or activity or writing a simple letter or message to a friend or family member. It has been lovely to see children

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bring in some of their writing they have done at home, please continue to share any amazing writing with us so we can reward them with house points!

Maths

It would also be fantastic to challenge your child at home to use some of their maths skills. This could be counting out items of fruit when shopping, recognising numbers on price labels, playing dice games or solving number problems e.g. *I have got 4 bananas. If I buy 2 more how many will I have?* We encourage the children to use counting objects to solve problems – at home these could be anything you have to hand e.g. Lego blocks, raisins, stones.

This term we will be consolidating our learning on composition of numbers up to 10. All of our maths learning links closely with the Numberblocks programmes that are all available on iPlayer so these are a great resource for the children to enjoy and learn from too. Again, do share any successes with us in school!

PE days

Oak class PE day will continue as Friday each week. Birch Class PE day will continue to be on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child has a kit in school that includes trainers for our outdoor PE sessions.

Warmest regards,

The Reception Team

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