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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term 2022 at Brecknock. This final term of the academic year is filled with many exciting projects, themes and activities. We will be enjoying the warmer weather and venturing outside for a host of community and sporting events. In addition, our whole school theme, *Time to talk; time to change* continues. We will also be continuing our Inside Out: Proud to Share community art installation and taking part in a whole school project called The World Reimagined.

Bridging the two half terms, we have an exciting whole school STEAM project, working with Sean Roderigo, Camden Beeline, and other partnerships to ensure fantastic outcomes for the children and community. We will also be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the end of this half term.

This letter and curriculum leaflet gives further information regarding this term's learning. You will be updated regularly through the newsletter, website and school twitter feed @BrecknockSchool.



Attendance

Ted and Earl will be on the lookout for good attendance and prompt school arrival this term. We will be celebrating consistent and improved attendance as well as time-keeping in our weekly, Star of the Week assemblies. Attendance at school is essential for all children, to support their academic development and wellbeing. We continue to work towards **our attendance target of 97%**.

Our target is to ensure that all children access their right to education. With the summer months and warmer weather we hope that there is less illness in order to ensure the best possible attendance at school. **We encourage you to monitor your child's attendance using Parent Hub to ensure their attendance remains excellent. Please ensure you download the Parent Hub App to access your child's profile.**

Rights Respecting Children

As a **Gold Rights Respecting school**, we consistently focus on the rights of the child and how these help us to develop an understanding of respect and empathy for others. We will continue to use our values when talking about positive behaviour expectations around the school. We are also reviewing our Behaviour Policy and communication about parental involvement in this has already been shared.



In class, the children are praised for excellent work, participation and following the class charter and whole school values. Children are rewarded with stickers linked to the school value they have demonstrated. These values are celebrated during our weekly special achievement assemblies.

Learning in Year Nursery

The **attached learning planner** gives you an overview of the learning that will be taking place this term in your child's year group. Through our topic 'My London' and 'The Big Wide World' the children will be learning about our local area, special community places and people and their role within it. We will take part in an exciting whole-school project, in which children will use their skills in the STEAM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics). The Nursery children have already started planting saplings to 'green up' the rooftop for all children to enjoy!

All classes in EYFS use Learning Planners to support children to learn. The learning planners will be sent to you at the beginning of each term via Parent Hub. Please also keep an eye out for 'This week in Nursery' on the notice board and on Parent Hub. This gives you detailed information about what the children will be learning each week.

Trips

We are delighted to be able to plan and take children on a range of educational trips once again. All trips will be risk assessed and you will be informed about them in advance. This term we are walking to the Regents Canal where we will observe prominent local buildings that we have been discussing in class. The children will have an opportunity to discuss how the canal is used by local people and businesses. The children will also visit The London Zoo and celebrate the end of the school year with a picnic in the park.

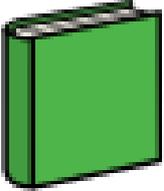
Communication

We send the majority of the schools communications via email, including the newsletter which is sent every Thursday and uploaded to the school website. Letters for trips, dinner money and anything in relation to finance is sent via your ParentPay account. We also send short messages that we need to communicate with you quickly through the Parent Hub app.

The school **gates open at 8:50am** in order for lessons to **start at 9.00am**. **Please ensure you follow the one way systems in place to allow for social distancing.**

Home Learning

Home Learning	<p>Please ensure your child comes to school every day with their book bag; school has supplied one for your child. This will be changed twice a week. However, you can change the picture story book as often as required and we do encourage this!</p> <p>As part of the Early Years curriculum and your child's physical development, this term we are focusing on developing your child's dexterity. Please do spend some moments each week using playdough to strengthen little hands ready for early writing!</p> <p>As part of their personal, social and emotional development, this term we are focusing on encouraging children to use language to solve personal conflict.</p> <p>In EYFS the children will be learning poems and songs regularly as this will help develop their oracy skills. We will share these with you as your child may enjoy performing them for you.</p>
Reading	Parental and guardian support is hugely important for developing reading skills, confidence and understanding. We encourage parents to read with their children and discuss the books they are reading. When

	<p>reading stories with your child, encourage your child to look at the front cover of a book. Ask them questions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do they think the book will be about? • Why do they think this? • Encourage your child to talk about the pictures in the story book. • Who is in the story? • What is happening? • Where is it happening? <p>This will help your child answer 'who, what and where' questions supporting the development of their comprehension skills. You can challenge your child further by asking them 'why' and 'how' questions.</p>
<p>Fluency in maths</p> 	<p>In Nursery, supporting your child with the following will help to develop your child's fluency in maths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selecting, identifying and talking about simple shapes and their properties • Talking about patterns and recreating them with objects around them • Counting to 10 and talking about the value of the numbers they point to
<p>New words</p> 	<p>Direct vocabulary teaching takes place every day. Each Friday, children choose one of their new words to wear on a sticker. We encourage you to speak to your child about their chosen word each week as this will help them to deepen their understanding of the word and to develop their oracy skills!</p>

Letters for trips and other correspondence will be issued through Parent Hub. Newsletters are sent via Parent Hub every Thursday and will also appear on the website.

PE

PE will take place every **Friday**. Children **will not be changing for PE** so please ensure they wear appropriate clothes for physical activity on these days, including trainers. Please note, we have and will **continue to do a Daily Mile**, so it is important that children wear appropriate footwear daily.

Please see below, a list of key dates. These will be updated when necessary and we will share any updated via the newsletter and the notice board by the school office. As always, we are available at pickup to discuss any queries at the end of each school day.

Kind regards,

Mariela Sola and the Nursery Team

Key term dates—Summer term 2022



Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 26th April	RH Synagogue trip	2.15 - 3.15pm
Wednesday 27th April	RR Synagogue trip	2.15 - 3.15pm
Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday	School Closed for all children
Thursday 5th May	Whole class photos	All Day
Friday 6th May	Reception class trip to the Science Museum	All Day
Monday 9th - Friday 13th May	KS2 SATs week	All Day
Friday 13th May	Eid Celebration	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Monday 16th - Friday 20th May	KS1 SATs week	All Day
Tuesday 24th May	Sports Day for Years 2 - 6	All Day
Thursday 26th May	Last Day of the half term	School Finishes at 3.30pm
Friday 27th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term	School Closed for all children
Monday 6th June	INSET DAY	School Closed for all children
Tuesday 7th June	Children Return to school	8.50am
Wednesday 8th June	School Council trip to Parliament	All Day
Friday 10th June	Reception class trip to London Zoo	All Day
Tuesday 14th June	Year 3 trip to London Zoo	All Day

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Date	Event	Time
Friday 24th - Monday 27th June	Year 6 residential trip to PGL Windmill Hill	All Day
Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th July	Year 5 residential trip to Debham House	All Day
Friday 15th July	Last day for afterschool clubs	
Wednesday 20th July	Last day of the term	School closes at 2pm
Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd July	Inset Days	School close to all children