

Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 20.05.24

Term 5 topic- Minibeasts

What is happening in our garden?

Our story of the week- "The Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle



We have had an exciting couple of weeks in Reception!

We have loved being outside in the warmer, sunnier weather this week. On Monday we had an extra playtime with our reading buddy class, and we really enjoyed the opportunity to socialise with the older children on the field. It was lovely to see different age groups playing together. We also had ice lollies at the end of lunch which was yummy! Our pebble pot is nearly filled again – I wonder what we'll do next?

We have been fascinated by the changes we see in the caterpillars every day, watching them closely and chatting about what we see. We have been so lucky to see our caterpillars make their cocoons, some of them are very wiggly in their cocoons and we love to watch them and wonder what is happening inside! We are hoping that they don't hatch during the half term holidays. We have expanded our knowledge of butterflies by reading information books looking at clips of butterflies and caterpillars. We know it is our job to care for our caterpillars and treat them with respect. We have learnt all about the life cycle of a butterfly and also know that butterflies have symmetrical patterns on their wings. Please ask us what else we have learnt about butterflies and caterpillars this week!

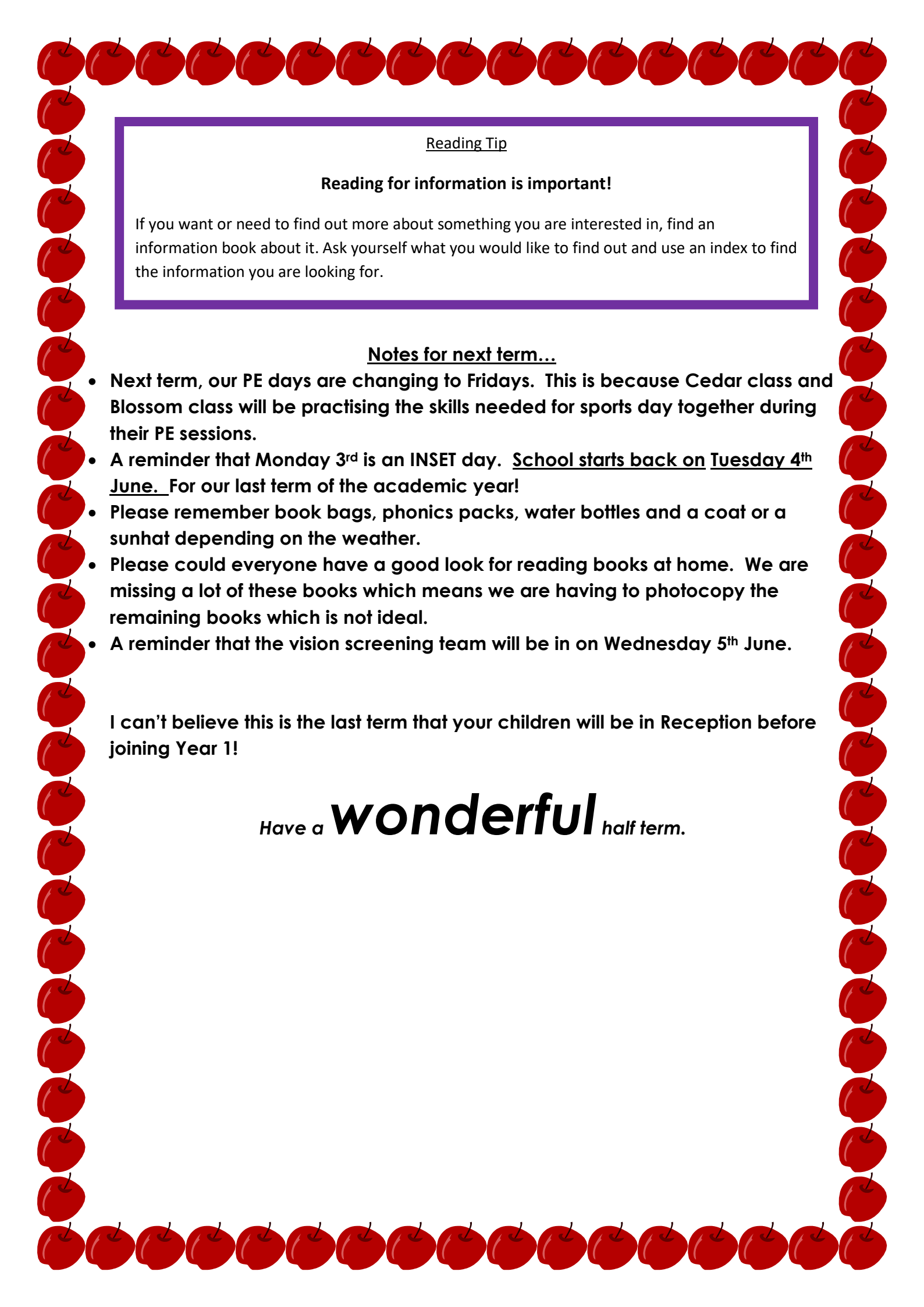
Please keep an eye on the website as I will be uploading photos of all the fun (and learning) we have been doing in term 5.

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Wednesday was Mrs Long's last day at The Elms. Mrs Long has been an incredible support to all the children in Blossom class and we are very sad to see her go. I know you'll join with me to wish her all the best in her new adventures.

Supporting learning at home

- Give yourself a sporting challenge! Work with a friend to bounce and catch a large ball.
- Go on a minibeast hunt and write or draw a list of what you find.
- Using small objects tell your grown-ups some taking away number sentences.



Reading Tip

**Reading for information is important!**

If you want or need to find out more about something you are interested in, find an information book about it. Ask yourself what you would like to find out and use an index to find the information you are looking for.

Notes for next term...

- Next term, our PE days are changing to Fridays. This is because Cedar class and Blossom class will be practising the skills needed for sports day together during their PE sessions.
- A reminder that Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> is an INSET day. School starts back on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. For our last term of the academic year!
- Please remember book bags, phonics packs, water bottles and a coat or a sunhat depending on the weather.
- Please could everyone have a good look for reading books at home. We are missing a lot of these books which means we are having to photocopy the remaining books which is not ideal.
- A reminder that the vision screening team will be in on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

I can't believe this is the last term that your children will be in Reception before joining Year 1!

Have a **wonderful** half term.