



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 6 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year and for some of you, your last one at Pumpkins. This is always an exciting term but one mixed with sadness too as we prepare to say goodbye to lots of our older children as they move on to school. Our time with them is fleeting but I hope that we have made an impression in their young lives that will stand them in good stead for the future.

Staffing Update

We have a couple of new faces at Sherston who will be working with us through the summer before we decide on which nursery they will settle in permanently from September.



Anna (pictured left) will be working between Badminton and Sherston through the summer. Anna is a qualified PE and swimming instructor and ran many of the children's swimming sessions at Westonbirt Leisure Centre before joining us to start a new career in childcare.



Tiona, (pictured right) has been helping us out whilst she is on her summer break from college where she is studying for her Level 3 in Social Care.



Amelia (pictured left) has just completed her Level 3 in Childcare and has started with us for a year's placement before going to university. Amelia was actually one of our first children at Pumpkins when Badminton opened and was always a very useful helper when she came back for holiday club once she had started school, so it looks like those early experiences had a big influence on her!

Have a lovely summer everyone and let's hope that we can all enjoy a more normal year next year!

Best Wishes

Amanda Wallis



Luckington Pre-School Update

We have now received our Ofsted Registration and plans are well underway for the opening of our fourth nursery in Luckington in September.

We are still hoping that some more of you might like to transfer to Luckington in September as Badminton is already totally full for the year and this leaves little flexibility for booking ad hoc additional sessions or for meeting the demand of continuing enquiries. If you live in or around Luckington, or anticipate that this is where your child may go to school and would like to find out more, please do get in touch by emailing Amanda: enquiries@pumpkinsnursery.co.uk



Pumpkins Sherston.

Welcome to the following children who have joined us new this term or are about to join us over the summer, some transferring from our nurseries in Badminton and Tormarton. We hope you will all be very happy at

Hugo Elizabeth Jacob Ethan Rosie

TERMLY OVERVIEW

This term Pumpkins pre-school children we will be learning about going to school, we will have a school role play area, lots of stories and building up their independence to make the transition as smooth as possible. We will be using the Colour Monster Goes to school story along with Topsy and Tim to aid their understanding. The role play area will include maps, images of their journey to school and photos of the school itself, their uniform and we have real book bags and uniform to play with.

The season has changed, and we finally welcome Summer!! And have had some wonderful sunshine. We are going to learn about our world, where we live starting with planet earth, our country and Sherston. We would love to hear about families (and some photos) of families that live in other countries or different parts of UK to add to our map. We would love to know of any festivals, foods, places, languages/words that are special to us. We will send out a sheet to each child to fill out and we will share this at pre-school. This could also include where we go on holiday or days out. We would love to see your photos on tapestry for us to add to our map and share with your child's keyperson.

In maths we will be incorporating bees into our outdoor classroom, the shapes we see in hives and in our environment and making our own using natural items. We will compare and use lots of language of size, quantity and number, exploring number in more detail, for example, how we make three, what three looks like and what happens when we take one away.



In Forest School we will be learning about bugs and we already have some very knowledgeable children so we will delve deeper into bugs that live below the ground, on water and above the ground and we will be categorising bugs into different characteristics. We will have a very exciting nature table of real caterpillars and watch the incredible journey a caterpillar makes to become a butterfly and learn that ginormous word "metamorphism".



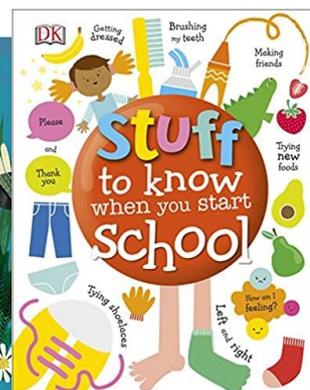
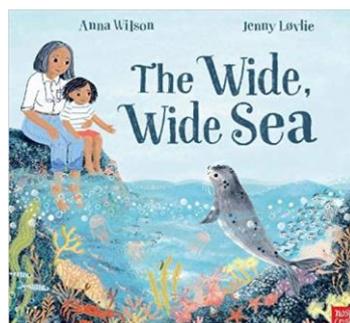
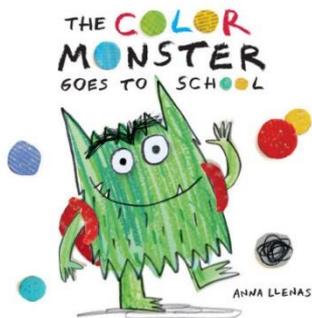
We will sadly be saying farewell to our lovely school leavers with a celebration on Wednesday 21st July "Ugly Bug Ball" more details to follow nearer the time, but it will be bugtastic!!!! Please can you let Charlotte know your child's last date with us

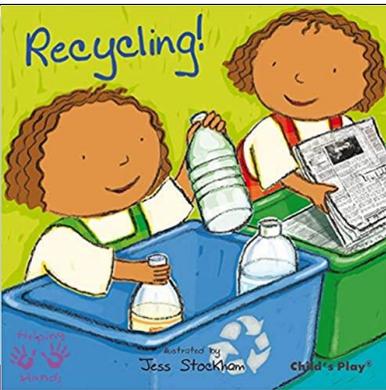
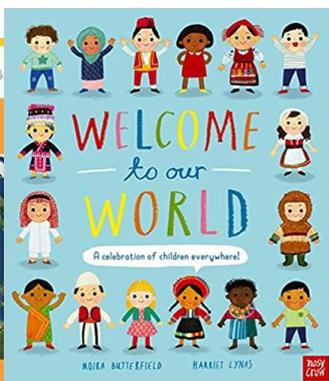
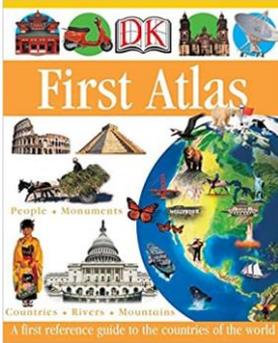
by emailing the pre-school.

Towards the end of term and over the summer holidays we will be learning about recycling, how to stay safe at the beach and how to care for our oceans.

The summer term is always a warm one can we please remind everyone their child needs to attend nursery with sun cream on, which we will reapply throughout the day, sun hats, capped sleeves and shoes that enclose the toes.

Some lovely books to share with your child that will extend their learning about these topics are:





Charlotte and the Sherston Team



Goodbye and Good Luck!

We wish a fond farewell to our leavers at the end of this term as they prepare for their exciting journey to school. We hope you have all enjoyed your time at Pumpkins and will take some happy

memories of us with you – Good luck to you all in your new schools:



Sherston

Annabelle Evie Lavinia Joshua Hugh Jessica Nathan Finley

Malmesbury

Erin Sophie

Luckington

Olly

St Josephs

Arthur

Leighterton

Amelia

Hillesley

Cloud



The Ugly Bug Ball - Wednesday 21 July 11am- 1pm

This will be an end of year performance and party for all the children including those that do not normally attend on a Wednesday and want to come in from 11am – 1pm for the Ball – Cost £10 (please book through Charlotte)

Please come dressed as your favourite bug (ugly or beautiful – we love them all!

It will be a performance by the children followed by a party lunch and lots of bug themed activities to take part in as a great way to send our children off to school and also to celebrate our minibeast theme that the children have loved this term. We will film the performances and songs and share them with parents afterwards through Facebook and Tapestry.

Fingers crossed that by that day Boris will have lifted restrictions and that you will be able to mingle on collection to say goodbye to each other – I know its not the end we would have wished for but at least the children are enjoying everything that they normally would!



Dates for your Diary



SUMMER TERM 6 2021

Monday 7 June – Wednesday 21 July

AUTUMN TERM 1 2021

Monday 6 September – Friday 22 October 2021

PLEASE NOTE the AUTUMN TERM will start on MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER for Term Time children - this may be slightly different to your local school but needs to fit in with funding dates to provide 38 weeks annually.