



# COA Curriculum News Summer 2016

We have had a wonderful start to the Summer Term with lots of learning across the curriculum. Here are a few highlights;

## Poetry Fortnight

Poetry Fortnight was a wonderful opportunity for the children to listen to and engage with a range of poetry. The children became poets themselves, sharing their different types of poem including tongue twisters, shape poems, acrostic poems and performance poetry. Please see our display in the classroom to read some of their amazing work.



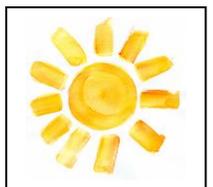
## Expeditions

All of the children get to go out on an expedition during their time with us. These expeditions are excellent learning opportunities. Some children went to the Holland Park Ecology Centre, where they went pond dipping and on a mini-beast hunt in the woodlands. Through this expedition the children had the chance to observe a range of creatures up close, using a magnifying glass as well as the opportunity to consider and discuss their habitats. Once they finished looking at the mini-beast and pond life the children carefully return the creatures back to the place where they found them. Two expeditions have taken place to Carlyle's House, a Victorian House where children can experience a taste of how people used to live. This expedition enables children to develop an early understanding of history and of how the world has changed over time. The expeditions were thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. The children should be very proud as they were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you to those parents /carers who were able to help, it is very much appreciated.



## Slip, Slap, Slop!

When we are lucky enough to enjoy a hot, sunny, summer's day please remember to put **sun cream** on your child **before** they arrive at school. To avoid burning shoulders we ask that children please attend school with their **shoulders covered**. A **summer hat** will also help your child to stay safe in the sun.



## Dates For Your Diary Summer 2016

*This term is extremely busy with many fun learning opportunities for the children. Here are some important dates for your diary:*

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May- **Farm Day**: A normal school day, all children will need a signed permission slip to allow them to interact with the animals
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May- **Maths Week**: There will be opportunities for parents to come in and play maths games with the children. A sign-up sheet will be in the classroom on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: **Half Term**
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June- **Parent/Carer & Key Worker Meetings**. No school, please sign up for an appointment with your child's keyworker (children may attend with their parents/carer)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July- **Open Day**: This will not be a normal school day, children will need to be accompanied by an adult; more information will follow
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July- **Leaver's Picnic**: All children to attend a **full day** 8.45 am -3.45pm. A picnic lunch and some fun surprises!
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July- **Leavers Sharing/Last Day of Term**. All children to attend the morning session at 8.45 am. Parents/carers to arrive at 10.30 am for Leavers Sharing. Part time children to leave at 11.45 am, full time children to leave at 1.00pm

*We look forward to enjoying the rest of the Summer Term with you and your child.*



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