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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we can hardly believe we are at the end of the Summer Term! This year has flown by and what an amazing year it has been! We've got lots to tell you as our Summer Term has been a very busy and fun packed term!

One of the highlights of the term was Sports Week. The children took part in lots of fun activities including boccia, curling, multi-skills and a circus workshop. The circus show we watched before our workshops proved to be the favourite for many of the children due to our very funny entertainer showing off his juggling and plate spinning skills! One of the children's favourite activities was taking part in the curling! They really enjoyed both aiming for the target and knocking other children's stones out of the way! The children loved all the different activities that they were able to try and had a fun week!



The children have really enjoyed our 'growing' topic linked to the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. There has been lots of discussion about what plants need to grow and the best conditions for them. Hopefully their beanstalks are all growing well at home! Another highlight for us has been having our ant farm and living caterpillars in school. The children have absolutely loved watching the caterpillars grow, build their cocoons and then emerge as butterflies before releasing them.

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The children had a fantastic morning on Sports Day. They all thoroughly enjoyed taking part in all the different events and were very proud to show you how well they did. It was great to see the children being such good sports and cheering each other on. It was wonderful to see so many of you there supporting the children, thank you.



We also had a fantastic time on our school trip to Sacrewell Farm. The children loved exploring the farm and looking at all the different animals. They were very excited when they got to see the pigs in the muddy puddles and feed the goats and chickens! The children were also fascinated by the alpacas and peacock. Everyone really enjoyed the very bumpy tractor ride around the farm- we didn't realise quite how big the farm was! We were extremely proud of how well all the children behaved and how well they followed instructions while walking around the farm- they were a credit to the school.

Alongside all these fun events we've also managed to continue our hard work across all areas of the curriculum. In Literacy sessions we have been writing all about the stories/books: 'Lost and Found', 'Commotion in the Ocean', and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have been so impressed with the children's writing; they have made good use of their phonics and made sure they used finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Some children are also regularly using 'wow' words (adjectives) and conjunctions in their writing and retelling stories remembering so much detail. It's hard to believe they are only Reception children looking at the amazing writing they have produced!

In Maths we've been busy with our adding and subtracting, doubling and halving and shape work. During our daily number sessions, we have also been spending lots of time practising our odd and even numbers, number bonds to 10 and applying all of our different maths skills. It's been fantastic to see how much progress the children have made during the year and how much pride they take in their Maths work. All of the children should be very proud of themselves.



It really has been a fantastic year for us all in REF. We would like to just finish with a couple of thanks. We're sure you'll all join us in thanking Miss Evans for all her hard work this year. Her help and support has made such a difference in the excellent progress the children have made this year. Finally, we would like to thank all of you for your support and co-operation this year, it really does make all the difference. We're sure you'll all agree that the children have come so far in just a year and are ready for their move up to Year One.

We hope you all have a fantastic well-deserved summer break.

Mrs Finch and Miss Evans 😊