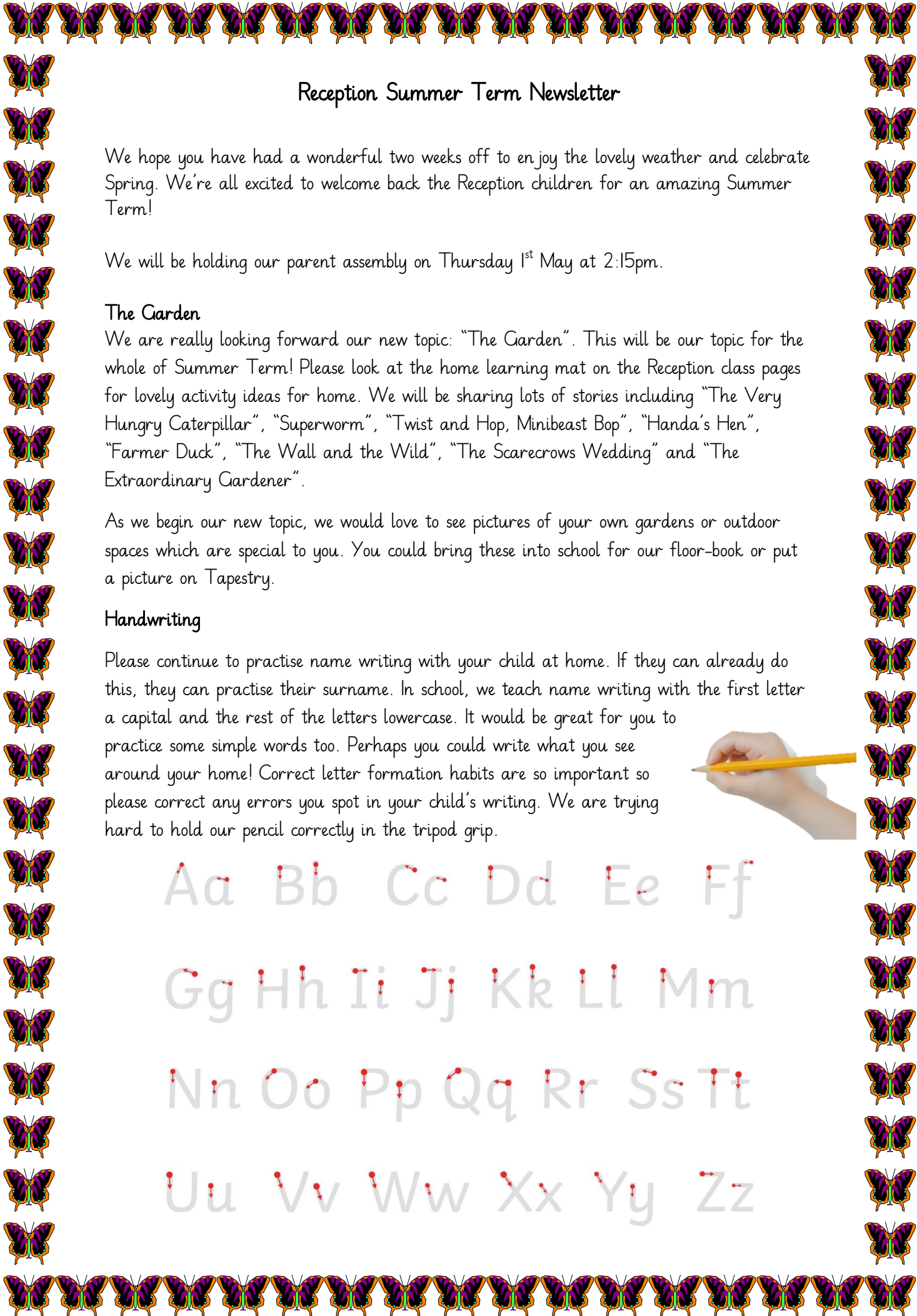




Reception Summer Term Newsletter

We hope you have had a wonderful two weeks off to enjoy the lovely weather and celebrate Spring. We're all excited to welcome back the Reception children for an amazing Summer Term!

We will be holding our parent assembly on Thursday 1st May at 2:15pm.

The Garden

We are really looking forward our new topic: "The Garden". This will be our topic for the whole of Summer Term! Please look at the home learning mat on the Reception class pages for lovely activity ideas for home. We will be sharing lots of stories including "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", "Superworm", "Twist and Hop, Minibeast Bop", "Handa's Hen", "Farmer Duck", "The Wall and the Wild", "The Scarecrows Wedding" and "The Extraordinary Gardener".

As we begin our new topic, we would love to see pictures of your own gardens or outdoor spaces which are special to you. You could bring these into school for our floor-book or put a picture on Tapestry.

Handwriting

Please continue to practise name writing with your child at home. If they can already do this, they can practise their surname. In school, we teach name writing with the first letter a capital and the rest of the letters lowercase. It would be great for you to practice some simple words too. Perhaps you could write what you see around your home! Correct letter formation habits are so important so please correct any errors you spot in your child's writing. We are trying hard to hold our pencil correctly in the tripod grip.



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Sharing our Learning

We will continue to share highlights of our learning through Tapestry and through the Reception class pages on Beechwood's website. We would love to see the learning you have been doing at home uploaded to Tapestry too!

Reading at home And Reading Books

Books are changed on a Friday. This term, your child will be taking home a "reading for pleasure book" as well as their phonics blending book. The reading for pleasure books are books which may not be decodable for your child but are designed for you to read together at home and enjoy. Please ensure both your child's blending book and reading for pleasure book are both in their bags every Friday. Please record reading at home in the planner with a reading comment.

Names

Please remember to put names in all jumpers, cardigans, coats and water bottles to enable us to keep track of all belongings. Children are encouraged to put their belongings into their lockers so they don't get lost. It is important that children get into the habit of looking after their things. It would be fantastic if you could reinforce this message at home too!

Workshops

This term, we will be having workshop sessions rather than stay and play. We are really excited about these and they will be amazing opportunities to learn more about your child's school day and work with your child in provision!

You will be invited to specific sessions depending on your child's individual targets and strengths. You may come in for an outdoor learning session, phonics session, maths session, story-telling session or magic garden session. Please read your text messages carefully as there will be different messages for different children. We can't wait to welcome you in!

Water Bottles, hats and sun cream

As the weather is getting warmer, it is extra important to send in water every day. Please send your child to school with a named water bottle every morning. Their bottles must only have water in them to drink during the day and they can refill these in the classrooms. Please apply sun cream to your children before school. The children can keep named sun cream in their bag to top-up before going outside in the afternoons. Please remind your child that they must not share this with other children. Children are encouraged to bring sunhats on sunny days.

Requests:

Any donations of gardening equipment, seeds and pots would be really appreciated.

Thank you,

Miss Moss, Miss Tobin, Miss Wootton, Miss Yasir, Miss Vivi, Mr Powell and Miss Kenny