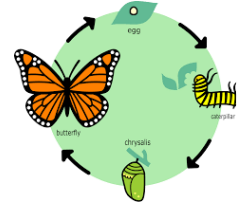




## Pluto Class Newsletter – Summer Term 5 April/May 2026

Dear Pluto Class Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a great Easter break and have enjoyed lots of yummy Easter treats! This term sees the beginning of our new learning focus across the school – Our Wonderful World. In Pluto class we will be answering the question; What might I grow into? We will be starting our learning with our trip to Westonbirt Arboretum. Here, we will be learning all about the lifecycle of the butterfly and using our senses to explore the natural world. Through the term we will follow the interests of the children, observing our very own caterpillars as they grow, planting seeds and learning the parts of plants, exploring their growth and observing lifecycles in action.



The children have all amazed us with how much they have learned during their time with us so far, this term we will be continuing our phonics learning with Phase 4, learning how to read and spell more complex words, write sentences on their own and begin to build their own simple stories. In maths, we will be continuing to build on our knowledge of counting and subitising more complex patterns, we will be securing our understanding of composition and recall bonds within 5 and 10.

We will be introducing and learning new vocabulary across the term. Please support your child to use this language when talking about their learning at home.

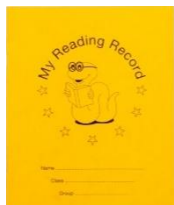
| Curriculum Vocabulary                                                           |                                                                                     |                                                                               |
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| <b>Life Cycle</b><br><b>Observe</b><br><b>Chrysalis</b><br><b>Metamorphosis</b> | <b>Insect</b><br><b>Antennae</b><br><b>Proboscis</b><br>(A butterfly's long tongue) | <b>Stem</b><br><b>Leaf</b><br><b>Petal</b><br><b>Root</b><br><b>Nutrients</b> |

### Last Term

What a busy term we had! World Book Day, Science week, exploring different painting techniques, learning more phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs and we were so lucky to have lots of visitors into the classroom. The children loved all our visitors and a HUGE thank you to Mrs Vernon, Dr Maguire, PSCO Cheryl, Mrs Muka and Kerry for all taking time to come in and talk to the children about their jobs. We learnt so much about their roles and how they help in our community.



### Homework and Reading



Thank you for your continued support with reading and homework tasks. This term, a reading and spelling phonics focused challenge, will come home on a Friday in their book bags. Please support your child to complete the tasks each week.

We love receiving photos on dojo of all home learning, so please continue to send them so we can reward your child with a class dojo for showing our school value of responsibility.



Congratulations to the children who have already earned their **100** reads award. Please continue to hear your child read their reading scheme book daily and comment / sign their reading records. We are looking forward to celebrating many more children reach this milestone before the end of the year.

Library books will continue to be sent home on a Friday and returned to school by the following Friday.

### Wish List

Can you help us? We are looking for donations of

- Seeds (e.g. Sunflower / Lettuce / Carrots / Radishes)
- Bag of top soil

Your support is greatly appreciated, thank you 😊



### Warmer Weather



As the weather warms, please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle. The children have continual access to their bottles throughout the day and are encouraged to drink plenty. Bottles are taken with the children to the field or out on the playground during PE sessions too. We are a healthy school and do ask that the children's bottles are filled with water and not squash.

Jumpers and cardigans are starting to come off during the day, please help us to help you and ensure their names are clearly written and are visible inside their clothing.

Please consider sending your child to school with a named sunhat/cap, we encourage all children to wear them when playing and learning outside. Please apply any sun cream before school as we are unable to supervise the children applying sunscreen during the school day.

### Celebrating Achievements:



A Wow message will come home in their book bags this week, please complete it if you feel there is something WOW that you would like to share about your child. We look forward to receiving them.

Don't forget to send in any certificates / badges/ achievements awarded from outside of school so that we can share them in our Thursday Celebration assemblies.

If your child has spent time creating something special and wow at home such as a painting, drawing or Lego model, we love to share they creations. Please send a dojo message requesting a model/artwork to be shown in our Wednesday assembly. We will then let you know when to bring it in. Thank you 😊

### Dates for the diary!

- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Own clothes Day
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April** – Class Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday – School Closed
- **W/C 18<sup>th</sup> May** – During this week we will hope to be celebrating the release of our butterflies! We would love for you to join us. (Date and time to be confirmed nearer the time)

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always available in person before or after school and via the Class Dojo app.

Kind regards

Miss Hobbs, Mrs Pearce, Mrs George and Mrs O'Neil