

Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 2!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Spring 2!



Our learning will be centred around **my community + spring** this term.

Adults working in the room

Class Teachers: Mrs Anderson

Support Staff: Ms Colbot

Ms Castellvi (Art and Forest School)

Coach Terry (P.E.)

The EYFS Curriculum

There are 7 areas of the EYFS curriculum which we cover in our indoor and outdoor provision. These areas are:

Prime Areas

- \cdot Communication and Language
- · Personal, Social and Emotional Development

· Physical Development

Specific Areas

- · Literacy (writing/reading)
- $\cdot \text{ Maths}$
- \cdot Understanding the World
- \cdot Expressive Arts and Design

Reading for Pleasure!

We have been looking at how we can enjoy reading, why we should read outside of lessons and what books we would like more of in our classes.

These are the books we have read this year so far, can you talk to your child about these books?



<u>Maths</u>

This half term, the children will continue to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 10. They will begin to explore capacity in more depth and their understanding of 2d and 3d shapes and patterns. We will continue to build on our number bond knowledge to 10.

Literacy

Our core texts for this term are: 'The Train ride, The Bog Baby and We're going on an easter egg hunt



This half term we will have mark making opportunities in different areas of the provision.We will be writing character descriptions, making lists, instructions and retelling stories on a story map and using our phonic knowledge to write the sounds we can hear in words. In addition we will be writing sentences using finger spaces and full stops.

<u>Topic</u> Spring/my community/World Book day/ Easter

This half term will be looking closely at our community, looking at transport, the people in our community and the different amenities that make up our community. In week 2 we will be celebrating World book day, come dressed as their favourite book character and explore games and activities based on our favourite books. In the last three weeks of this term we will focus on Springtime and the changes that take place in this season. We will look at the animals that will be born, the changes to the leaves, trees and the flowers that will begin to grow at this time of year also. Toward the end of the term we will focus on Easter and talk about what Easter represents for some people and how different people across the world celebrate with their own traditions and the Holi festival.

Reading

We will continue reading through Read Write Inc. phonics (RWI). Children will learn a new sound each day. Some children will learn to read simple sentences.

Please support your child to develop their reading skills by listening to them read everyday using the phonics books sent home in their book bags and read their free choice book aloud to them.

Forest School

Our first forest school session of this half term will start from week 2, 5th March and will run every Wednesday 10:00am – 12pm. This will be a great opportunity for your child's learning and holistic development. If you can join as a volunteer please speak to a member of staff. Children will need labelled wellies and weather appropriate clothing.

Family Fridays

We would like to welcome you into our class to do an activity with your child from 9.00-9.30am every other

Friday.

Week 1: Transport

Week 3: people who help us

Week 5: Spring time.

Junk modelling and loose parts

We use a lot of natural resources in our play to provoke imagination and we would appreciate your help with recycling items for our junk modelling sessions, such as: water bottles, cardboard boxes, or any loose part items such as lids, corks, pinecones, pebbles and shells. We are always collecting resources for our room and donations of games, role play resources and costumes and toys- please do think of us if you are having a clear out.

Observations

We are now using an online journal- Tapestry to record children's learning and to provide updates of any upcoming events. If you have not activated your parent account, please inform a member of staff.





Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th February e safety week Friday 28th February Family Friday Doves Friday 7th March World Book Day dress up Friday 7th March 3.30pm School council book sale Monday 10th March science week Friday 14th March Family Friday Doves Tuesday 18th March Parents Evening 3.30-5pm Wednesday 19th March Parents Evening 3.30-6pm Friday 28th March Family Friday Doves Friday 28th March Family Friday Doves Friday 28th March Family Friday Doves Tuesday 19th March Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Green.' We will be learning about the 'Endangered Aisle'how climate change is threatening the future of the UK's favourite foods. We will consider how we can protect food production and will even plant our own trees.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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