



Reception Newsletter

Spring 2

Welcome back to another half term. Our school year is flying by; it is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the academic year! But we are seeing such improvements with the children's learning and progress which we look forward to sharing with you at parent consultations on Wednesday 25th February. There will also be an opportunity to talk about the children's next steps as we continue to support the children towards meeting the Early Learning Goals at the end of Reception.

Our new topic for this half term is 'Creatures Great and Small'

One of our focus texts this half term is Jack and the Beanstalk. Traditional stories are fantastic for supporting communication and language and literary skills, so we are excited to get started.

Literacy

The children will continue to have a daily phonics session and have now been introduced to all Reception phonic sounds, including digraphs (two letters that make one sound) and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound). The children will continue to develop their recognition of these sounds as we explore words with two or more digraphs/trigraph e.g. t-ee-th and begin to explore long words looking at word endings 'ing' and 'es'.

It is important that your child has lots of reading practise to support their fluency and word recognition. We will continue to do Reading Practice on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at school, then the book will then be sent home for your child to continue practising and reading at home with you to secure that fluency. Your child's book is carefully matched to their current phonic ability which is assessed every three weeks. We are pleased to hear from some of you how you are noticing improvements with your child's reading at home too. *Please remember to ensure book bags are in school every Tuesday.*

The children will continue to have daily handwriting sessions which focus on the formation of each letter and address any misconceptions. We will also be perfecting our name writing skills in this session too.

We will also be exploring writing for different purposes, linked to our topic e.g. describing the characters and writing sentences from our focus text, writing diary entries as we look at the growth of a bean plant, writing a set of instructions and recounts of events.

Maths

In Maths we will continue following the 'White Rose Maths' scheme. This half term we will be focusing on Time and 3D shapes.

Our 'Mastering Number' learning will continue with composition of numbers, exploring ways of making 7, doubles and sorting numbers. We will then explore our counting skills further as we look at larger sets.





PE

Within our PE lessons, we will be focusing on fundamental motor skills. Please see the overview of learning for step-by-step weekly skills.

Our PE days will continue to be on a Friday. Please make sure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on that day. Long hair should be tied and back and please remove any earrings before the day.

Other curricular activities

Through weekly Personal, Social and Emotional (PSED) sessions the children will explore 'Healthy Me' which includes keeping clean, moving our bodies and stranger danger.

We will also discuss 'New Life' and link this to what Spring brings as we enjoy the build up to Easter and learning about some events of Holy Week in RE. We will learn new songs and perform these as part of Expressive Arts and Design. We will also be developing our painting skills as we develop observational painting links to spring and plants. We will explore this further in Understanding of the World as we look at growing plants and grow our own bean plants; identifying what helps plants to grow and how our world can adapt and change with the seasons.

Home Learning

Homework will continue to be set through Tapestry every Friday. Thank you to all those who complete these tasks your efforts are appreciated to support the learning that happens in the classroom.

Please also remember if your child does something at home to make you proud, please put it on an observation on Tapestry for us to see – the children love to share these.

Dates for your diaries:

Wednesday 25th February – Parent consultations

Friday 13th March – Mother's day celebrations 9-10am in the classroom.

Wednesday 25th March– Early Years Easter celebration (9am start) *Easter bonnets are welcomed.*

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to see one of us. Our priority in a morning is to get the children in safely and start their day, but we can always arrange a time to see you at another time.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Brookes. Mrs Wildman, Mrs Kyriakou

