



Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term is super busy with lots of opportunities for our Reception families to get involved.

This half term will see the return of our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. We are inviting Mothers or Grandmothers to join us 2pm-3pm on Friday 28th March for tea, cakes and lovely surprise. (This is for Nursery and Reception ONLY)

We will also be inviting parents and carers to our annual Easter Bonnet Parade on Wednesday 9th April at 9-9.30am, there will be an Easter Hamper raffle and a judging for the best bonnet too. (This is for Nursery and Reception ONLY)

Added to this on Friday 11th April we will be finishing the term with the children coming dressed as a pirate for a 'WOW' day. We will be searching for the Easter treasure, having pirate face paints and plenty of fun and games. (This is for Nursery and Reception ONLY)

There are lots of whole school celebrations during this half term so please check out the diary dates and the main school newsletter too!

Thank you so much for your continued support

Miss Holland and the EYFS staff.



Home Learning:

This term we have less homework activities to complete as we appreciate it may take longer to create Easter Bonnets. Children only need to complete a maximum of one homework task each week. Homework books to be given to Class teacher on Friday's they will be returned the same day.

Home Reading:

All children now have books with words during this half term. We are incredibly proud of the readers our children are becoming.

We are continuing our Phase 3 Phonics sessions this Spring 2 term. These continue to be challenging sessions that require lots of practice.

We ask that children are read with 5 times a week, even just one page a day helps! Once you have read with your child we ask you leave a note in their diary's so we can work more collaboratively to ensure your child is getting the best support.

Library Visits

Our Reception children have really enjoyed our trial visiting the school library and choosing stories to take home. We would like to continue to do this throughout the school year but it is really important that the books are returned to school on Monday. The children visit the school library on Friday and get to keep the book over the weekend. All the books in our school library are brand new and fantastic quality. Please take the upmost care of our books as we would like lots of children, for years to come, to get enjoyment from these books.

Muddy Monday's

Muddy Monday's will continue throughout this half term, come rain or shine, so please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor learning.

Children will continue to have their outdoor PE session on this day so P.E kits can be worn with an extra layer if needed on colder days.

Please ensure your child has water proof coat and wellies as March and April are notoriously wet months. Great for puddle jumping, mud pie making and pirate ship sailing!



Phonics:

The children have now had all their Reception sounds taught. This half term we will be revising Phase 3 sounds and tricky words. We know many children are confident in recognising digraphs and trigraphs and the next challenge is for the children to start to recognise these sounds when reading and become more competent in the use of digraphs and trigraphs when writing longer words.

Last half term we offered a unique opportunity for parents to come in and watch a Phonics session being taught. If you would like to come along please let Miss Holland know and a date can be arranged that suits.

English:

Learning this half term will be based around the story 'The Pirates Are Coming.' By John Condon.

During English session children will be encouraged to form letters correctly and spell words phonetically. We will be expecting children to write at greater length including short captions and sentences using finger spaces and full stops.

Most importantly this half term we will be encouraging children to start to read their own writing and giving support in checking what they have written makes sense.

Added to this as children are now familiar with Phase 3 Phonemes and we would hope to see these begin to emerge in their own writing too!

Mathematics:

This term we continue to deepen our understanding of number by using 10 frames and part whole models to learn number bonds to 10 in a more fluent fashion. We will be learning how to quickly recall composition facts to 10 and break whole numbers into smaller parts.

Moving through the term we will start some new learning around subtraction. We will start by revisiting songs counting backwards and one less work. We will then begin using subtraction to find missing parts and telling subtraction number stories.

In the last weeks of term we will be exploring patterns. We learn to look out and discover patterns, continue patterns and create our own patterns using colours, shapes and objects.

Understanding the World:

This half term the children will be learning about different kinds of maps, atlas' and globes.

We will be using technology to search for places in the world and making maps of our own.

This term we will also be celebrating Earth / science week in school from the 7th to 11th of April.

P.E:

P.E lessons will continue to take place on Monday and Tuesday.

Monday sessions is outdoor where we will be learning how to handle and control sports equipment.

Tuesday sessions will be with Miss Keogh and the children will be taught Dance.

R.E:

This half term we will be learning about why Easter is so important to Christians.

The children will become familiar with the Easter story and talk about how Christians remember Jesus during this time.

The children will take part in Shrove Tuesday festivities and of course the Easter Bonnet Parade, traditions that are important to our community.

PSHE:

Children will learn about the importance of staying healthy.

We will learn about making good choices with regards to exercise, food, teeth brushing and sleep.

We will promote healthy habits and learn about how our friends stay healthy too!

Diary Dates:

4.3.25: Shrove Tuesday

6.3.25: World Book Day

21.3.25: Reception Vision Checks

28.3.25: Mothers Day Afternoon Tea (2-3pm)

7.4.25-11.4.25 Earth Science Week

9.4.25: Easter Bonnet Parade (9-9.30am)

11.4.25: Come to school dressed as a pirate for Pirate WOW day!