



Nursery and Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 2

2023 – 2024

Welcome back! Mrs Carter, Mrs Oakes, Mrs Lee, Mrs Blane and I hope you have enjoyed a well-deserved half term break. As well as a new topic to explore, we have a busy term ahead with our World Book Day, Mothering Sunday celebrations and lots of Spring and Easter activities to enjoy. We are looking forward to enjoying our wonderful outdoor area with hopefully some warmer, sunnier weather!

Curriculum

This half term our work on seasonal change will continue as we begin to look for signs of spring emerging around our school and local environments. We will be exploring a range of books such as 'Supertato' and 'The Tiny Seed' to support our learning. We also hope to plant some vegetables, search for the signs of spring on a woodland walk and use our measuring, chopping and pouring skills to make vegetable soup and bread.

As always, developing and embedding key skills in the three prime areas of the Early Years curriculum; Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development will continue to remain priority. Our Reception pupils will also continue to work towards their Early Learning Goals across the curriculum.

Phonics

Daily phonics lessons for all Reception pupils will continue with our phonics programme 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised'. During last half term, the Reception children learnt each of the Phase 3 letter sounds and this half term we will be revisiting each of those sounds, working on reading and writing words and phrases. Your child will also be provided with a home learning pack. More information will be within the packs but they are a great opportunity for children to share their learning and further practise their phonics at home.

Our Nursery children will also receive weekly phonics opportunities as they begin to develop their sound discrimination, listening and awareness skills within our Early Years provision and this half term's focus will continue to develop rhyme and rhythm awareness.

Maths

Nursery children will be developing their early counting, number and shape skills through play and exploration of the activities in our indoor and outdoor provision. Learning and singing number rhymes will also continue throughout the day.

Reception children will continue with a daily focused maths lesson. These sessions follow the White Rose Maths programme of learning in line with Maths teaching throughout the rest of the school. This half term the focus for those sessions will be combining groups and early addition skills and beginning to explore the measurement of Mass, capacity, height, length and time.

Reading

Reception Reading Awards

It has been wonderful to see so many of the Reception children receive their bronze reading awards over the last half term and we are delighted that a few Reception children have also achieved their Silver award. Please continue to support your child's reading development by encouraging them to read with you every day. Just a few pages a day really does make all the difference to your child's overall learning and development.

Rhyme Time

Rhyme time is proving to be hugely popular with our Nursery and Reception children! We are all really enjoying both learning some new rhymes, as well as recapping some old favourites. We shall continue with another five rhymes this half term, so please keep an eye out on Tapestry for the weekly updates.

Lending Library

The lending library will continue this half term with the addition of some new books added for children to choose from. Please enjoy sharing these books with your children at home and remember they can return their books at any time to change them.

Physical Development

We shall continue to take full advantage of our spacious outdoor area to continue development of key physical skills. We are hopeful for some sunnier and warmer weather to enjoy more of our favourite outdoor activities. Nursery children are also enjoying weekly yoga sessions, having lots of fun using their imaginations and moving their bodies.

PE

Mr Dalmedo will be continuing with our twice-weekly PE sessions in Reception. We are still working towards our independence and self-care skills by changing into and out of PE kits during each lesson so please ensure a full kit is in school for this half term. Our PE days will remain flexible through the week so we will keep kits in school for the term unless they are in need of washing. For a full list of PE uniform please see the school website and ensure all items are clearly labelled in a named bag.

Magic Moments

Thank you for all the wonderful Magic Moments we received last term! We get to see the amazing things your child does at school each day but it has been lovely celebrating all the great moments you have with your child at home too. We will send a new blank certificate home with your child this term and look forward to receiving this back with your child's latest 'magical moment'.

World Book Day

World Book Day this year will be on Friday 8th March in school. Pop the date on your calendar and please await further details this week on how we plan to celebrate the enjoyment that books and reading can bring.

Mothering Sunday Celebration- Wednesday 6th March

As a Church of England School every year we celebrate Mothering Sunday with an opportunity to invite our parents and carers into school. This year our Nursery and Reception children would like to invite someone special to them into school to join us for a tea and cake celebration. Further information will be sent nearer the time but please note the date for this event.

Toddler and Baby Group

Mrs Carter runs our weekly Toddler group every Friday during term time in the school hall. All are welcome from babies to pre-schoolers. It's a very friendly group so please do pop along with any younger siblings. Timings are 9:45am – 11:00am.

Hopefully this newsletter has given you a brief snapshot into the exciting term ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to pop in and see myself or Mrs Carter and don't forget to check out Tapestry and the school newsletters for regular updates and news.

Mrs Butcher

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