



Early Years Foundation Stage Nursery and Reception Newsletter Spring Term 2 2024 - 2025

Welcome back. We all hope you enjoyed an enjoyable half term break and are all ready for a very busy term ahead. We are really looking forward to the learning, activities and celebrations we have planned.

Curriculum

This half term our focus is on the changing seasons as we begin to notice of the changes from winter to spring. We will be exploring all the season has to offer through a range of hands-on experiences and exploration of some spring themed stories. We will also enjoy learning about some upcoming festivals and celebrations, including World Book Day, Shrove Tuesday, Mothers' Day and Easter. The changing season also means we can get outside for some more growing. This term, Mrs Carter will be supporting the children to grow peas and potatoes.

Phonics

Daily phonics sessions will continue for our Nursery and Reception pupils using our school phonics programme 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised'.

In Reception we develop our fluency within Phase 3, where we will be recapping all of the sounds learnt so far, applying our knowledge to reading and writing longer words. We will continue to develop skills of segmenting and blending to read simple sentences. I will continue to send home a weekly phonics sheet which will provide you with information about the sounds and words we have been learning that week. Practising these sounds/words with your children at home really helps them to progress and is an opportunity for them to show off what they can do.

Our nursery children will also continue with their Little Wandle phonics sessions. These short sessions are a fun way to introduce children to sound discrimination and letter sounds through a range of fun listening games. The children really enjoy these sessions, and we have found them to be very beneficial in supporting the transition from Nursery to Reception.

Maths

Nursery children continue to develop early counting and number skills through their play and exploration of the activities in our indoor and outdoor provision. Learning and singing number rhymes will continue throughout the day, in addition to the activities and resources available through our continuous provision.

Reception children will continue to have focused maths sessions through the week. The focus for this half term will be on developing our knowledge of numbers to 10. We will also explore mass, length and capacity through some practical comparisons and hands on activities.

Maths lending library

Last term, the children were very enthusiastic about our new Maths lending library. This is an opportunity for children to borrow Maths games, resources and books to enjoy at home. We hope this will support their developing Maths skills. Please support us by carefully looking after these resources and encouraging your child to return them when they are ready to swap for something new.

Reception Reading

At Twyford School reading is so very important to us and we urge you to support your child's reading skills by sharing their reading book with them every day. Please record each read in their reading record. Just 5 minutes together will make a huge difference to giving your child the best possible start to their learning. Each day that a child reads at home will be recorded on a bookmark in school and awards will be given throughout the year to those pupils who achieve 50, 100, 150 and 250 reads at home!

Mystery Reader

Mystery reader has been a big hit with all our children. Thank you to those of you that have already volunteered. We would really like to welcome more mums, dads, aunties, uncles, grandmas, grandads and anyone else who would like to share a story with us. Please speak to Mrs Butcher for more information.

Rhyme Time

Both Nursery and Reception will continue with our weekly rhyme time. Each class will learn five new rhymes during this half term. Keep an eye out on Tapestry to see which rhyme we are learning each week!

Lending Library

Please continue to enjoy borrowing our lending library books. Feel free to swap and change books as many times as you like.

Physical Development

We shall be taking full advantage of our spacious outdoor area to support the development of key physical skills. We use our outdoor environment in all weathers so please ensure children come to school with a warm named coat, hat, gloves and wellies.

World Book Day

We are all so excited for World Book Day which we are celebrating on **Friday 7th March**. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as a villain, hero or just in comfy/cosy clothes. **We would like to welcome all Nursery and Reception parents into school from 2.30pm on this day, in order to share a book with your child. Please don't worry if you can't make it but if you can it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible.** We will be using tapestry to share some of our favourite books. Please could you photograph your child with their favourite book and post it on tapestry so that we can share on the big screen and discuss our favourites.

Easter celebrations

This year we have decided that in order to accommodate the needs of all our children and their families, and also to keep our curriculum fresh and exciting, we will hold one big Easter Eggstravaganza (rather than our Mothers' day/fathers' day celebrations of previous years). On this day, we will welcome parents/grandparents/someone special into school to celebrate with us. More information to follow but please save the date - **Wednesday 2nd April**.

Hair and bookbags

A reminder that in order to prevent the spread of headlice and so that faces are free for learning, please tie long hair up. Could we also ask that bookbags have no more than one small keyring attached to them. We are struggling to fit them into drawers due to large toys being attached to them. Thank you for your help with this.

Toddler and Baby Group

Our toddler and baby group is back for another year and we are looking forward to welcoming both new and existing families into school each Friday morning. Please do pop on down with your younger ones and spread the word to families and friends. The group will continue to be held every Friday morning from 9:45am – 11:00am in the school hall. No booking required, just turn up, relax with a cup of tea and enjoy!

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, Mrs Rumble or Mrs Carter.

Mrs S Butcher
Reception Teacher