

Reception Newsletter : Spring 2

Welcome back to Reception. On behalf of the Early Years Team we hope you have had a wonderful break! Our Topic this half term is "Why Do Spiders Eat Flies?" This topic develops children's curiosity and knowledge about the diversity of the natural world and small creatures that inhabit it. Throughout this topic, your child will take turns to share ideas, conversations and materials, understanding that playing and working together can help them build good relationships and develop thinking.

Our shared reading mornings were a great success last half term! It is thrilling to see you enjoy precious reading moments with your child and I know the children look forward to these weekly moments too! They will continue this half term, every Thursday morning 8:45 till 9:00 - We look forward to seeing you there!

Can I continue to remind you that all children should bring their book bag to school **everyday**. This should include reading book, reading log, homework book and high frequency words. For any lost or damaged reading books there will be a charge. We can read with your child at any point throughout the week and if their reading book is not in school consistently changing their book will be difficult.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception Team. Thank you for your continued support last term.

Miss Smith, Miss Aveline, Miss Teague and Mrs Proffitt.

In Physical Development, we will be learning about the safety of minibeasts in different habitats.

In Expressive Art and Design, we will be learning about symmetry by using paint to create butterfly pattern pictures.

In Communication and Language, we will be extending our language by learning new vocabulary linked to mini beasts and life cycles.

In Understanding of the World, we will be understanding the life cycle of a spider and of a butterfly. We will also be learning about different diets for animals.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 6th March - World Book Day
- Friday 13th March - Sports Relief
- Thursday 26th March - Parents Evening
- Friday 3rd April - End of term.

P.E

P.E takes place EVERY Tuesday. Please ensure your child brings their named kit to school on Monday and they leave it in school all week, taking it home on Friday to be washed.





Literacy

Reception will be developing their knowledge of rhyme. We will be focusing on poems and songs and identifying rhyming words. Our book focus this half term will be 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.'

In writing, we will be learning to write sentences independently with a clear focus on finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. We will also be writing captions from stories we have read.

Numeracy

In Maths, we will be exploring the differences between 2D and 3D shapes. There will be a clear focus on developing everyday shape language and describing some of their properties. We will also be learning about money and identifying different coin names.

You can support your child at home by practising the names of 2D and 3D shapes.

Attendance and Punctuality

'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Reception outdoor gates open at **8:45am** which allows time for children to settle in and hang up coats ready to start learning at **8:50am**. We ask that you try not to enter the classroom with your child and allow them to develop their own independence. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning by **8.50am**.

Homework

In Reception, 5-10 minutes of reading with your child should be completed every day. We ask for you to complete a comment in their reading log once a week, this will enable us to develop next steps for your child. Reading books will be reviewed and changed at the end of the week according to your child's reading ability. A teacher will leave one weekly comment in your child's reading log so assessment of your child's learning is shared. As books can be shared at any time of the week it is very important for reading books and reading logs to be brought to school **every day**.

Reception will also receive a piece of Maths homework every Friday, this will relate to the learning which has taken place during Maths lessons within the week. Encouraging independence with this work will allow children to apply their skills and embed knowledge from prior learning.

Your child will receive 3 weekly spellings every Friday which they will need to practise reading and writing in their red homework book.

Reception will receive their Topic Homework Challenges at the start of each half term. They have been designed so that parents and children can work together on homework tasks one per week. We hope that you enjoy them.

Homework is given out on a **Friday** is due back in school by **Wednesday**. This gives children an opportunity to speak to their teacher on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they don't understand.