

Reception Newsletter : Summer 1

Welcome back to Reception, the Early Years Team hope you had a wonderful Easter Break!

Our Topic this half term is "Are Eggs Alive?". Throughout the topic, Reception children will study the life cycle of a frog and will also learn about other animals that lay eggs such as; birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. We will explore and compare the varying features of eggs that are laid by different animals, whilst stimulating children's curiosity as to why eggs have a protective shell.

Reception staff read with your child at any point throughout the week so it is **vital** your child's book bag is brought into school **everyday**. It is important that it is the clear book bag or the County Bridge blue bag to ensure it fits in your child's tray and can be accessed by staff. Inside the book bag should be a reading book, reading log and high frequency words. There is a charge for any lost or damaged reading books.



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

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

In Physical Development, we will be moving our bodies in different ways to act out the life cycle of a frog.

In Expressive Art and Design, we will be creating our own speckled eggs using paintbrush effects.

In Communication and Language, we will be extending our language by learning new vocabulary linked to the life cycle of a frog such as 'Metamorphosis'.

In Understanding of the World, we will be understanding the natural world in relation to animals that lay eggs.



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.

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd May- Bank Holiday.

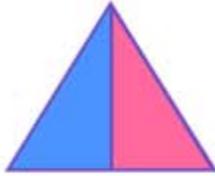
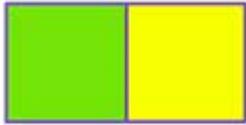
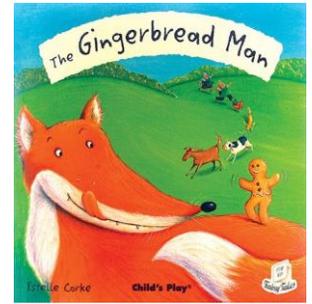
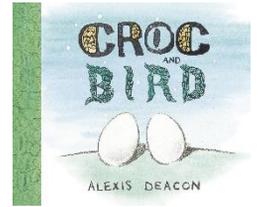
Friday 14th May- Pyjamarama Day.

Friday 28th May- Break up for half term.

Literacy

Our book focus this half term will be 'Croc and Bird' by Alexis Deacon and 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will use these books to develop children's comprehension skills through 'how, why, where, who, what' questions.

In writing, we will empowering children to write short sentences independently with a clear focus on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be creating story maps by drawing and writing short captions from our focus text. This builds towards a longer piece of writing at the end of this half term.



Numeracy

In Maths, we will be continuing to recall number bonds to 10, please support your child to practise at home on their fingers! We will also be finding one more and one less with 2-digit numbers, comparing numbers (odd and even) and will also look at how shapes sometimes have other shapes inside in order to solve puzzles.

Attendance and Punctuality

'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost.
The Reception arrival time at school at **8:35am** and collection is **3.05pm**.

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 on Purple Mash, 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 preparation for our Spelling Quiz!

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 always due back on a **Wednesday**. This gives children an opportunity to speak to their teacher on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they don't understand.