



Spring 2!



We have had a jam-packed half term this Spring 2 and how fantastic it has been, especially with our learning and progress! This term we have been very busy reading 'Superworm' and the children have been learning how to retell the story through Talk for Writing. Our topic this half term is called 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and we have been learning all about the lifecycles of frogs and butterflies. We have even had some special visitors in our investigation area. We can't wait to watch them grow. We have also looked at the parts of a plant and our project work 'The Big Picture' has helped us produce some amazing nature landscape paintings.

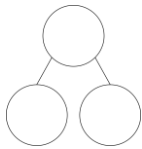
Phonics

Our RWI phonics sessions are really helping the children to learn to read and write. The children have loved learning their new sounds and we will continue to blend and segment to develop our reading and writing. We will continue to send QR codes home weekly in their learning log so that the children can continue this learning at home.



Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about number bonds to 10 using ten frames and part-whole models. The children have also been learning about repeated patterns such as AB and ABC patterns. The children have enjoyed creating patterns in the provision!



'Read With Me' sessions

We would like the opportunity to thank all of the grown-ups who attended our 'Read With Me' sessions. These sessions are a great opportunity for you to not only share the love of reading with your child, but to also encourage language development and build their imagination. Starting from Thursday 20th April, our reading sessions will be every Thursday afternoon for **both** classes. These will start at 2:45pm and finish at 3:15pm.



Physical Education

After Easter, we will be beginning our PE lessons outside. We have been working so hard on our balancing skills, ball skills, jumping and landing and moving in different ways in our physical development area outside. During our PE sessions, we will be learning to get dressed and undressed, negotiating space and travelling rhythmically. Please provide your child with a PE kit which includes:

- Plain black shorts or leggings
- Outwood purple t-shirt
 - Hair tied back
 - Black pumps

PE will be every Monday for RHO and RC



Resources

As always, we are grateful for any resources we can use in school (especially things we can use to make models!) Please see below a list of resources we are always looking for to enhance our modelling area:

- Cardboard tubes
- Various sizes of cardboard boxes
- Pasta
- Tin foil
- Yoghurt pots
- Materials
- Anything interesting that you have spare and you think the children will enjoy using! **Unfortunately, we cannot accept any boxes or containers that have had seeds or nuts in them.**

Curriculum

For our Literacy next half term, we will be reading and learning our Talk4Writing text 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We will be looking at a range of fairy-tale stories. In our maths sessions, we will be focusing on doubling, halving and sharing, odd and even numbers and patterns. We have set time aside for interventions to take place to support any gaps in learning if necessary across the curriculum including social, communication and language, literacy, fine motor and maths, extra sessions for fine/gross motor skills, mental health and wellbeing sessions and more.

At Lofthouse Gate we love to read. Each term we will have our 5 favourite class books to enjoy with the children. This term our favourite 5 books are;



Can't You Sleep Little Bear
Zog
The Owl Was Afraid of the Dark
Mog
Handa's Hen

As always, if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to come and talk to any one of us. We really appreciate all of your support and we cannot wait for another fantastic half term next month!

Many Thanks,

The Reception Team