

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

We hope that you all had a lovely restful half term and the children are ready to blow us away with their progress.
Spring 2!



This half term our topic is 'All Things Bright and Beautiful.' As part of this we will be looking at the lifecycles of animals, plants, humans and changes over time. In our project we will be exploring different painting techniques and creating textures to create a garden landscape.

As part of our topic we are going on a trip to **RSPB Old Moor** on **Wednesday 29th March 2023**. The children will have the opportunities to put all their learning from this half term into practise by becoming plant detectives and look at a variety of minibeast habitats.

Writing

The children made fantastic progress with their writing skills last half term, using their magic 5 within their writing and becoming increasingly independent writers. In Literacy, we focused on innovating characters and the ending of a story writing short sentences about these. This half term we will be continuing to increase children's independence to write short sentences in speech bubbles and to continue a rhyming string. As always, we appreciate any support you can offer your child with their writing at home.

Phonics

Our RWI phonics sessions continue to remain high priority in Reception, and they are really helping the children to learn to blend and segment, whilst also learning to recognise and read their 'special friends' within words. We will continue to send QR codes home weekly in their learning log so that the children can continue this learning at home.

Maths

This half term we will be continuing to understand and use numbers to 10, including building our number bond knowledge using ten frames and part whole models to support this, adding and subtracting numbers within 10 and creating simple and complex patterns.

Polite Notice

If your child has taken home a spare change of clothes from school please could you return these as we are low on spare clothes. Alternatively if anyone has any old clothes they wish to donate (trousers, skirts, pants, socks etc) we would really appreciate it.

'Read With Me' sessions



We would like the opportunity to thank all of the grown-ups who attended our 'Read With Me' sessions. These afternoon 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. This half term these will take place every **Tuesday at 8:45am** for both classes.

Dates

- **Parent Consultation Meetings-** Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March 3:30pm-6pm
- **World Book Day-** Thursday 2nd March
- **School Trip RSBP Old Moor-** Wednesday 29th March

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.**

Learning Log/Homework

Every **Friday**, your child will bring home a learning log, reading book and reading diary. These are to be completed and returned the following **Thursday**. Your child may receive some additional phonics work throughout the week from their phonics teacher. This work will be modelled to the children so they know exactly what to do. Please make sure you check your child's book bag daily and return the phonics books on a Thursday.

Reading

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

Superworm
George and the Dragon
Anna Hisbicus
5 Minutes Peace
Handa's Hen



'Superworm' is our Talk for Writing book this half term. The children will be learning actions to retell the story, so ask your child to show the actions at home.

As always, if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to come and talk to any one of us. No problem is too small and we welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Many Thanks,

Miss Bowe, Miss Cowling, Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Pickersgill,
Miss Pickersgill and Mrs Sadler

The Reception Team