

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 life cycles 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 6th March 2024**. The children will have the opportunity to put all their learning from this half term into practise by becoming pond 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 more independent writers. 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 consolidating our number bond knowledge to support us in 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.

PE Mondays

On Mondays your child will come to school in their P.E kits and remain in these all day. (No school uniform is required to change into.) We will be having PE sessions on a morning and enjoying a range of PE activities in the afternoon practising a variety of gross motor skills.

Dates

- **6th March**- RSPB Old Moor School trip
- **7th March**- World Book Day and Reading Festival
- **Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th**- Parent consultations 3:30-6pm
- **20th March**- Easter Bonnet Parade

Resources

As always, we are really 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. This half term our favourite 5 books are;



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



Superworm is our Talk for Writing book this term. The children have worked very hard to learn to retell the story using actions. If you haven't already, please ask your child to retell the story to you! They are brilliant at retelling it.

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 Cowling, Mrs Spencer, Miss Jones, Mrs Pickersgill, Mrs Williams