

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back Everyone!

It has been a very different start to the year, but we are finally back together on Monday 8th March. Whether you have been in school with Miss Miya, or online with myself and Mrs Earnshaw we have all had a fantastic 8 weeks, but honestly, we cannot wait to see all your smiling faces on the playground next week! Keep your eyes out for Twitter on Monday morning to have a sneak peek at your classrooms and all the wonderful new activities and areas we have planned for you all.

Spring 2

Our new topic this half term is called 'All Things Bright and Beautiful.' So far this term, the children both in school and online have been learning about growing. We have looked at growing humans, animals and lifecycles. This week we are starting to look at mini beasts, and in the coming weeks, we will be looking at plants and Easter. We will be starting our project work this week where we will be focussing on painting skills and creating our own landscape paintings.

Curriculum

For our Literacy this half term, we will be continuing our Talk4Writing of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and looking at a range of stories about growing.

In maths, we will be continuing to use Power Maths to look at Number bonds to 10 and adding and taking away - counting on and back.

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 P.E (No P.E kit is needed), mental health and wellbeing sessions and more.

Homework Reminders

Every **Friday**, your child will bring home a learning log task. Learning logs are to be completed and returned the following **Thursday**. Now we are further along in the year, you may find that we will send home more than one task to complete. Please see the learning log books for info on your weekly tasks.

Reading books will be sent home on a **Monday**, and these are to be returned by **Thursday**.

You may also find additional tasks sent by your child's phonics teacher, these will be modelled to your child but please speak to a member of staff for support.

Outdoor Area

After a wet and windy Winter, we have been working really hard over the last 2 weeks to bring our outdoor areas back to life. We will show you the children exploring all our lovely new areas on Twitter and thank you so much to the families that have been helping us gather resources, and even making things for us! We loved having all the children's input into what they would like to see in the outdoor areas and we are hoping to do as many of these as possible. So far, the outdoor area is enriched with lots of new activities for the children to fully explore our new topic. We have a growing area, bug hotel and mini beast investigation area, a new writing area, fairy gardens, maths area and much more!



Uniform

We are running very low on spare uniform in case of accidents, so if you do have any uniform that doesn't fit anymore, we would be very grateful of donations. These will be washed and quarantined at school before use. Please speak to a member of staff if you can help.

Resources

As always we are really grateful for any resources we can use at school. Please see this list for things we are looking for, for the rest of this term;

- Toilet roll tubes
- Various sizes of cardboard boxes
- Pasta
- Ribbons
- Tin foil
- Yoghurt pots
- Rice

We would also like every child to bring in an empty glass jar (E.g. jam jar) by Friday 12th March for an Easter project Any spares would be appreciated, if you have more than one.

I just want to say an enormous thank you to every single parent and carer that has supported the Reception team with in school and online learning over the last 8 weeks.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team, or make an appointment. Have a lovely weekend and we can't wait to see you on Monday!

The Reception Team