

# Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



## EYFS

### Spring 2022 Newsletter



#### Welcome to the EYFS!

Welcome back to the Spring term!

We are very excited to be back and to hit the ground running with our learning this term. We have all settled back into school well and are looking forward to learning about the world around us.

#### Spring term

This half term our topic is 'Explorers'. In Nursery they will be learning about Space, dinosaurs and Under the Sea. In Reception they will be learning about Space, dinosaurs and Superheroes. They will continue to learn through child initiated learning, discovering the world around them. We will also continue to teach these topics through cross-curricular learning and through stories that link to the theme of the week.



In the second half term our topic will be 'Growing.' Children will learn all about plants, life cycles and how the world changes around them. This topic will also be linked to healthy eating and how to keep ourselves fit and healthy.



#### Home Learning

This Friday, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 you will receive your child's '**next step**' to work on at home which will help your children with their learning and progress. It continues to be essential to us this year to have a strong working relationship with parents in order to help children progress in their learning so we ask that you send any learning or 'WOW' moments to us through Evidence Me. We will continue to check Evidence Me weekly and reply to the children as well as sharing their achievements in class. It does not take too long to take a photo to upload and we would ask that you use this to send evidence of your children achieving their next steps at home. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to their child's journal.

#### Phonics/ Reading

**Reception** are continuing to learn new sounds in their phonics, including reading and writing the new sounds. They will be moving onto learning diagraphs in phase 3 this half term. We will make sure to send these sounds home via Evidence Me so you know which sounds your child has learnt that week and they can have a practise with you at home.

Reading books will be changed on a **Friday** from now on so please ensure your child's reading book and planner is in their book bag. Due to a busy timetable we will only be able to change their books on the allocated day. We also continue to ask you to read with your child every night, it only has to be a couple of pages and it will help them to progress further with their reading.

#### Shared reading books

**Nursery** will continue to bring a storybook home to share with their family. Please continue to read the book together and talk about the story. Their Shared Reading book will be changed on a Friday. **Nursery** will continue to look at Phase 1 which helps them with sounds, listening, rhyme and alliteration.

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## RE

In the first half term the children will be thinking about the question 'How can we help others when they need it? We will be looking at stories from the bible to learn how Jesus helped others. The second half term will focus on the question 'Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?' The children will be learning about the Easter story and why we celebrate it every year.

## P.E and Games

P.E lessons will take place on a **Monday** for both Nursery and Reception.

Reception will need to come into school already dressed in their PE kit.

The children will be learning gymnastics in the first half term and in the second half term they will be learning how to dance to nursery rhymes and familiar songs.

We kindly remind you to make sure that your child is wearing a **sensible** pair of shoes for PE, preferably Velcro as it makes it easier for your child to take their shoes off and on.



## Relationships and Health Education

(Personal, Social and Emotional development)- To the children this is known as Jigsaw.

In the first half term, the children will be learning about 'Dreams & Goals'.

The children will be learning about reaching for the stars, setting challenges for themselves and persevering when something is tricky.

In the second half term the children will be learning all about 'Healthy Me.' This will include learning about healthy eating, exercise, brushing teeth, keeping clean and how to keep ourselves safe.



## School Checklist

**A Spring term reminder-** Please remember that your child needs to bring the following items to school:

- Book bag to hold reading planners, phonics packs, sharing packs and any letters that are handed out.
- A named hooded coat, hat and gloves while the weather is still cold.
- **Named water bottle**



## Further information

This half term we will be doing a charity walk around the school playground, '**Walk like a penguin**' for Marie Curie. We will be setting up a donation page for anyone to make a donation and we would be extremely grateful. Look out in the school newsletter for the date which we will decide on in the next couple of weeks. More information to follow.



We are really looking forward to another term with our lovely children. There will be lots of exciting new learning experiences and we cannot wait to see how much progress every individual child will make. We are continuing to live and celebrate '**Life in all its fullness.**'

The EYFS team.

