

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



EYFS

Spring 2024 Newsletter



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 'Around the World'. Nursery will be learning about Space, Jungles and Under the Sea. Reception will look at countries relevant to their class, the world from afar (space) and the world in the past (dinosaurs). They will continue to learn through child initiated learning, cross-curricular learning and stories that link to the theme of the week.



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



Home Learning

You will receive your child's 'next step' via Tapestry 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 **Tapestry**. We will continue to check Tapestry weekly and replying to the observations as well as sharing children's 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 so far.

Phonics/ Reading

Reception are continuing to learn new sounds in their phonics, and applying their knowledge when reading and writing. They will be moving onto learning diagraphs in phase 3 this half term. We will make sure to send these sounds home as flashcards so you know which sounds your child has learnt and they can practise with you at home.

Reading books will be changed on a **Friday**. **Please bring reading books in their bags everyday**. 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.

Nursery Reading

Please continue to help yourself to the 'Books for Bedtime' books outside of the classroom. Nursery will continue to explore Phase 1 phonics. This half term they will focus on the skills: (3) Body Percussion, (4) Rhythm and Rhyme, and (5) Alliteration.

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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 and God 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 Christians celebrate it every year.

P.E and Games

P.E lessons will take place on a **Monday** for Nursery. Reception's lessons are **Wednesday and Thursday**.

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

Spring 1 will be Dance (YN: Nursery Rhymes, YR: Dinosaurs)

Spring 2 is Gymnastics (YN: Moving, YR: High, Low, Over, Under)

We kindly remind you to make sure that your child is wearing a **sensible** pair of shoes each day, preferably Velcro as it makes it easier for your child to take their shoes off/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 books, bedtime stories, any letters that are handed out.
- Reading book every day
- A **named** warm and hooded coat, hat and gloves while the weather is still cold.
- **Named** jumper
- **Named** water bottle
- **Named** indoor/outdoor shoes



Further information

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.'

Please keep an eye out on the newsletter for upcoming events dates and times.

The EYFS team.