

# Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



## EYFS

### Spring 2026 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

In the first half term, our learning will be inspired by the book *A Walk in the Woods* by Flora Martin and Hannah Tolson. The children will explore the wonders of nature and encourages observation, curiosity, and mindfulness. Through woodland walks, and nature-inspired crafts, children will have the chance to connect with the natural world around them. We will be looking at seasonal changes, signs of new life, and the animals and plants we might discover in a woodland setting.

In Spring 2, our story focus will shift to the humorous and exciting tale *The Pirates Are Coming!* by John Condon. This playful twist on a classic warning cry introduces children to the idea of anticipation, community, and unexpected surprises. Through this story, children will enjoy imaginative role-play, treasure hunts, and storytelling activities that spark creativity and teamwork. We will have many opportunities for map-making, counting games with "gold coins" and letter writing!

#### 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 and aim to share children's achievements in class. We particularly love seeing how your child gets on with their Next Step at home. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to their child's journal so far.

#### Phonics/ Reading

**Reception** are continuing to learn new phonemes 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 or via tapestry so you know which sounds your child has learnt and they can practise with you at home.

Reading books will be changed on a **Tuesday and 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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## Religious Education - RE

Spring 1: 'How can we help others when they need it?' lays foundations for understanding the Christian belief that God came to earth in Jesus, to rescue humans from their failings and wrongs, and to call his followers to love and help all in need just like him. Jesus' name actually means 'saviour' or 'rescuer', someone who helps others in real need.

Spring 2: 'Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden?' lays foundations for understanding that Christians believe Jesus died on a cross to rescue humanity from the sin, which cuts them off from God. Christians believe Jesus was raised from death and offers them forgiveness of sin and new life with him in heaven. The cross symbolises these beliefs.

## P.E and Games

P.E lessons will take place on a **Monday** for Nursery. Reception's lessons are **Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)** Reception will continue to come into school already dressed in their school PE

Spring 1 will be : (YN: Nursery Rhymes, YR: High, Low, Over, Under / Ball skills 2)

Spring 2 will be: (YN: Moving, YR Dance: Dinosaurs and Rackets: bats, balls and balloons.)

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/on and dressed according to weather.



## 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.

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The EYFS Team