

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



EYFS

Summer 2022 Newsletter



Welcome back to the Summer Term!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the sunshine!

We are all very excited to be back and are ready to hit the ground running in the last term of the year.

Topics

Our topics this term are 'Julia Donaldson' and 'All around the World'.

In the first half of this term we will be an Author focus, Julia Donaldson. The children will be focusing on retelling and sequencing the stories in the correct order. Other activities will involve drama, story writing and cooking. Nursery will be learning the stories, 'The Princess and the Wizard', 'Stick Man' and 'Superworm'. Reception will be learning 'The Princess and the Wizard', 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and 'The Gruffalo'.



For the second half term, the children will be looking at a different country each week, learning about their culture, food and features of their country. We have chosen a few different countries to help children contrast and compare.



Phonics

The children will be continuing to learn their phonics this term. Nursery will be working on their phase 2 sounds and Reception will be continuing to work on phase 3 and phase 4 phonics. Please continue to look at your children's tricky words cards at home to help consolidate their phonic knowledge; they are also useful to have when reading.

Reading

Nursery will be bringing sharing packs home this half term as a way to help them engage in the story and talk about what is happening. They will be changed once a week on a Tuesday.

Reception will continue to change their reading books on a Tuesday and Friday.



P.E and Games

P.E lessons have changed to a Tuesday afternoon for Reception. Nursery's PE will continue to be on a Monday morning. The children will be working on their ball skills using their feet. We kindly remind you to make sure that your child is wearing a **sensible** pair of shoes, preferably Velcro as it makes it easier for your child to take their shoes off and on.



Tapestry

Tapestry is going to be our new online journal in which we will be sending observations home to show you what your children have been learning in school. As with Evidence Me we will be sending home 'Next Steps' for your children and will ask you to take a photo or a short video of them achieving their 'Next Step'. We will continue to work together to help your children progress on their learning journey.

Please look out more information over the next couple of weeks.



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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 Relationships. This will entail the children to talk about how others show feelings, talk about their own and others behaviour, and its consequences and know that some behaviour is unacceptable.

In the second half term the children will learning about 'Changing Me'. In this topic the children will learn how to adjust their behaviour and take changes of routine in their stride.



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In the first half term the children will looking into the question 'What makes every person unique and precious?' This topic lays foundations for understanding the Christian belief that all humans are made in the image of God, each an 'incarnation', a physical being known and loved by him. In the second half term children will be focusing on the question 'How can we care for our wonderful world?' This topic lays foundations for an understanding that Christians believe humans are a special part of God's creation and have a God-given responsibility to care for the incredible world we all share.



School Checklist

Please remember that your child needs to bring the following items to school **EVERY** day:

- Book bag to hold reading planners, phonics packs, sharing packs and any letters that are handed out.
- A summer hat.
- A water bottle.
- A named coat (for those rainy days)
- And for when the weather gets warmer in the summer months please make sure your child wears sun cream to school.



Further information

Please continue to **read daily** with your child at home. This is essential to support their learning and progress in school. Additional tasks will continue to be set via **Tapestry** every two weeks.

Surprise Box will be changed to story time for this half term as we are focusing a lot on different stories and story language. Instead we are asking parents to sign up to be a **Secret Reader** in which you will be invited into school to read to your child's class at the end of their school day. If you are interested please let your class teacher know by the end of next week so that we can organise dates.

We are continuing to request that any important notices such as a message for a teacher or an absence now go through the office.

We are really looking forward to a fabulous term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating **Life in all its Fullness**.

The Early Years Team

