

Spring 2 Newsletter

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Please include all three Nursery Teachers in your emails to ensure you have the quickest response. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

<u> World Book Day</u>

Thursday 7th March

'The Hotel For Bugs.' By Suzie Senior

Children are invited to dress up should they wish to. Fancy dress ideas for the day could be a bug such as a caterpillar, butterfly, ant... or your favourite character from your favourite book.

Art Week - 11th March

We will be focusing on colour and will be printing using paint brushes made from natural objects like grass, straw, leaves and flowers!

<u>Easter visit - Reverend</u> <u>Aian</u>

More info to follow

Reminders

Please remember to send a water bottle each day, a suitable coat and wellingtons as we like to go out in all weathers.

Please also ensure you send your child with a full change of clothing.

Messages

Welcome back, everyone! We hope that you had a lovely week, enjoyed spending time with your family and are ready for a busy Spring 2.

Spring is a lovely time of year when the days become longer and the weather becomes brighter. We will relish this time of year and observe the changes in nature through our new topic - Plants, Plants!

This half term, children will learn how to grow and look after plants.

Our key fiction text is: Jack and the Beanstalk by Ladybird Books. Our key non-fiction text is: How Things Grow! by Felicity Brooks.

Your child will continue to come home with a Bedtime Reading Book. Please feel free to bring this to be changed as often as required. Reading with your child has many benefits such as supporting language development and imagination and much, much more!

Spring 2-Plants, Plants, Plants!

Communication and Language - We will enjoy listening to longer stories and remember much of what happens in them. We will also begin to understand simple questions about 'who', what' and 'where.'

PSED- Jigsaw- 'Healthy Me'. We will be learning about what we can do to keep our bodies healthy, sorting healthy and unhealthy foods, learning how to wash our hands properly and the importance of sleep. We will also be talking about what to do if we got lost and how to say 'no' to strangers.

Physical Development- The children will develop their fine motor skills by learning how to use scissors both correctly and safely. Personally, they will continue to practise putting on and taking off their own coat and shoes. In PE the children will explore balancing, skipping and hopping.

Literacy- During literacy based play and group times the children will repeat words and phrases from familiar stories and share their ideas about these stories. They will also continue to develop their pen grip and practise making marks that represent their name or letters in their name.

Maths- In Maths, our focus number is four and we will master the fourness of four through a range of activities, both indoor and outdoor. The children will name similarities and differences between the basic shapes we have learned: circles, triangles, oblongs and squares.

Expressive Arts and Design- Children will explore instruments and begin to name them. They will use the instruments to create loud and quiet sounds and use these as an accompaniment to the story Jack and the Beanstalk.

Understanding the World- Easter will be our focus religious event. Linking to our topic, children will plant beans and observe the changes in the bean as it grows. Children will learn to care for their plant by learning what a plant needs to survive and grow healthily.