

Early Years Newsletter – Spring 2 2023

Curriculum Information - Topics - Nursery					
Autumn 1 2022	Autumn 2 2022	Spring 1 2023	Spring 2 2023	Summer 1 2023	Summer 2 2023
Marvellous Me	In the woods!	Bears!	Mini-Beasts Planting	Animals (farm)	Once Upon a Time
Curriculum Information - Topics - Reception					
Autumn 1 2022	Autumn 2 2022	Spring 1 2023	Spring 2 2023	Summer 1 2023	Summer 2 2023
Ourselves	Celebrations and festivals	Dinosaurs	Animals and their babies	Stories from other cultures	At the seaside
Homework Timetable - Nursery					
	Issued		Returned to School		
Home School Diary	Friday		Wednesday		
Reading/Library Book	Friday		Wednesday		
Homework Timetable - Reception					
	Issued		Returned to School		
Reading Book	New Book is issued on Friday		Return to School the following Friday		
Reception Phonic Homework	Friday		Wednesday		

Nursery

In Nursery this half term, the children have enjoyed learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly. The Nursery received five little caterpillars, which we watched grow each day until they made their cocoons. We can't wait to see them turn to butterflies after the half term. We have listened to lots of stories about mini-beasts and plants. One of our favourites was 'The Very Busy Spider' where we learned lots of facts about spiders and loved looking for webs in the Nursery garden. We have enjoyed playing in our role play in the classroom which has been a garden centre and a shop this half term! To end of the term we learnt all about the story of Easter and its meaning to Christians. We made Easter cards, cornflake cakes and even had an egg hunt!

What a great way to end the term.



In phonics, we have been really tuning into sounds and hearing the first sound in lots of words, including our name. We have started to orally blend with 3 sounds and we have moved on to blending words with 4 sounds e.g. nest, tent. We are all working very hard with our segmenting and blending and becoming so confident with this!

In maths, we have been learning all about the number 5. We can rote count to 5 forwards and backwards and are beginning to do this from any starting number e.g. 3, 4, 5. We have started to think about other numbers that we can use to make 5 like 4 and 1, and have used Number blocks to help us with this. We have started to learn about measurement including tall, long and short.

Reception

In Reception this half term we have been learning all about animals and their babies. The children have matched adult animals to their young and created some wonderful spring themed animal art work. We have been looking for signs of spring and noticing how the seasons changing has been shown in the school ground on a Spring walk.

In phonics the children have now looked at the sounds from phase 2 and phase 3 and are beginning to write in captions and sentences. We are encouraging the children to write independently in preparation for year 1.



Ducklings

The highlight for Reception in Spring 2, was welcoming some new visitors to our classroom in the form of fluffy ducklings. We were lucky enough to watch them hatch in an incubator from an egg. The children then decided what we were going to name them. From the ducklings, we completed lots of different activities. We counted them, discussed the different colours they were, completed some amazing sentences about them and drew them during our art lessons. Before they left us to venture to their new home, the children got to hold them and see them learn to swim. It was an amazing experience for our Reception children and we loved creating this memory with them.



Attendance

Please can you ensure that your child attends school/Nursery on a daily basis – we aim for a child's attendance to be 96% or above by the end of the year. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness then **please ensure that you contact school on the first day of illness and each additional day**. Children learn something new every day so it is vital that they are in school as much as possible. The attendance figures for this half term are:

Nursery	83.7%
Class 1	86.5%
Class 2	88.5%

We hope you have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 17th April.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Early Years Team (Nursery and Reception)