

Early Years Newsletter – Summer 1 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, we started the half term observing our caterpillars transform into butterflies and let them go in the Nursery garden. We had a visit from Blue the Therapy dog and his owner Mark, who told us all about his important role helping people. Our farm topic, allowed us to explore our farm role play which we all loved! We learnt about farm animals and their babies, naming some of these. Our traditional tale this half term was, Little Red Hen. We learnt this all by heart and performed it perfectly with actions! We have enjoyed being in the Nursery gardens more this half term due to the fantastic weather!



In phonics, we have continued to orally blend and segment with three and four sound words. This is something you can practice at home too. In maths, we have gained confidence counting forwards and backwards to 5 and are working hard on learning our number bonds within 5. What a fantastic half term!

Reception

In Reception this half term we have been exploring stories from other cultures. Each week we have focused on a different country or continent. We have found out about the UK and enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation. We have also explored France, learning some of the language, eating French food and finding out about the artist Henry Matisse.



When looking at Africa we have tasted fruit from Handa's surprise, created our own tribal necklaces and found out about animals that live there. Exploring the arctic we looked at building igloos, looked at how animals can camouflage and what we would pack for a trip there. We read 'The Koala who could' when learning about Australia. We explored Australian animals and created aboriginal art. We looked at how the climate and how the seasons are different to where we live.

In phonics, the children have now looked at the sounds from phase 3 and phase 4 and we are focusing on blending to read words and sentences. We are working hard at recording our own sentences in preparation for Year 1. In maths we have been exploring and making the numbers to twenty using tens frames. We have looked at number order, pictorial representation and numerals for the numbers to 20. We have also explored addition and subtraction number stories,

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	85.8%
Class 1	91.2%
Class 2	87.9%

We hope you have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 5th June.

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