

Spring 1



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Dates for your diary

Beanstalk Arts Music Session: Wednesday 17th January

World Hijab Day - Thursday 1st February

Children's Mental Health Week - Monday 5th - Friday 11th February

Chinese New Year - 10th February

Spring Disco and Last Day of Term - Friday 9th February

Half term – Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Start of Spring 2 term – Monday 19th February

Routines

Indoor PE - Tuesdays (RGW) and Fridays (RF)

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit: white polo shirt; black/navy jogging bottoms, and trainers. **Please send children to school in their PE kit on their day.**

Our Learning Journey

Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope you all had a good, relaxing holiday and we are excited to welcome your children back for an exciting term of learning.

This term, our traditional tale focus is The Gingerbread Man and we will bring this to life in many ways such as baking Gingerbread Men. We have also arranged for Becky from Beanstalk Arts to come in with her Cello and Ukulele for a lively musical re-telling of this popular story.

Ahoy Me Hearties! Our other topic is *Under the Sea*. We will read information books to learn some fascinating facts about these wonderful creatures. We will also be learning all about the swashbuckling world of pirates.

The children will be making and writing their own simple fact books and we will start to encourage them to extend the quantity of their writing. When you are reading with your child, it would be helpful if you could start to point out full stops at the end of sentences.

We will also celebrate Chinese New Year in February, when the new lunar year of the dragon begins. If you would like to come into class to support with this learning, please let us know.

Outdoor Learning

As a whole school, we are stopping our Forest School sessions in the garden for this half term to give the ground a chance to recover in time for Spring. We will continue to have free flow play between the indoor and outdoor classrooms, and have plans for exciting nature-themed activities in our play space.

English: Reading and Phonics

We will be learning Phase 3 sounds, focusing on the digraphs and trigraphs as well as tricky words.

We will continue to send home information sheets about these. We will continue hearing your child read 3 times a week and will send home their group reading book on a Friday for them to read to you. Please ensure this is always returned to school on a Monday so it can be used by another child.

Maths

This term, we will be continuing to subitise numbers up to 6, as well as matching numerals to representations whilst understanding the meaning of 'one more'. We will also be focusing on the composition of numbers up to 7 and investigating the 'part-part whole.' relationship. As part of our shape, space and measure learning, we will be focusing on length, height and time.

General Reminders

Please remember to pay £2 for the Beanstalk Arts storytelling workshop. It is very quick to do this through Parent Pay, our online payment system. Please contact the Fairlawn office if you need help setting this up.

A gentle reminder that it is our school policy that we are unable to hand out sweet treats to mark your child's birthday. You are welcome to hand these out on the gate yourselves.

Clothing: It helps us immensely if all of your child's clothes (including accessories and their spare clothes bag) are labelled with their name. As the weather is now much colder, please ensure your child always has a thick coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

Junk Modelling: Please send in treasure from your recycling bin for our junk modelling projects. We like egg cartons, cardboard rolls, cardboard boxes – small and medium, straws, wrapping paper and ribbon. (No thick plastic please as it's hard for little fingers to cut.)

Contact

Please feel free to have a quick and friendly chat with us on the gate in the morning and after school. We are here to work in partnership with you. Alternatively, you can reach us by email during our working hours 8am-6pm

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With Best Wishes,
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