Reception Learning Letter



Spring 2



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Dates for your diary

Wed 21st Feb. - International Mother Language Day Monday 26th February and Wednesday 28th March - Parents' Evening (4-7pm)

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day 8th-17th March - Science Week (Theme - Time!) 11th-15th March - The Big Plastic Count (part of sustainable solutions topic - whole school) 14th (RF) and 15th (RGW) March - Outdoor Learning starts again.

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day (wear red and donate a £1)

Thursday 21st March - World Maths Day **Friday 28th March -** Play Day / Last day of term

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

We will be starting this term focusing on the traditional tale, 'The Three Billy Goat's Gruff'. We will learn the story and write a simple sentence based on this popular tale.

This will be followed by a school topic called 'Tomorrow's World- Good to be Green,' where we will be looking at stories that introduce children to looking after the planet. Within this, we will be learning about ways to save our environment. We are also very excited about Fairlawn Science week which will start with a loud bang and a fizz on Friday the 8th March with a Silly Science workshop in the hall.

Maths

This term, we will be focusing on numbers up to 8 and using the language of 'one more than' and 'one less than'. We will also be looking at doubles, exploring how some numbers can be made up of two equal parts before sorting numbers according to their attributes, For example, odd and even numbers. As part of our shape, space and measure learning, we will be focusing on time, 3D shapes and patterns.

English: Reading and Phonics

During Spring 2, we will be reviewing **Phase 3** vowel digraphs e.g oi, ar, ur (see sheets that came home) and looking at words with two or more diagraphs as well as reading longer words. We will also be focusing on reading and writing high frequency and tricky words (e.g. the, of, put, full). After each 6-week block of phonics and assessment, we will let you know the sounds to focus on.

General Reminders

On Friday 8th March, there will be a Silly Science workshop in the hall to mark the start of fun Science week activities. More details will follow via letter and you can pay quickly and easily via the Parent Pay Website. (Please contact our office if you need help setting this up.)

A gentle reminder that children should not bring toys from home into school as they can get lost or broken and cause upset. We are also unable to hand out sweet treats to mark your child's birthday due to food allergies.

Forest School: This will start up again in mid-March. Please send your child to school wearing their full waterproofs and wellies. Please ensure they have a clean pair of shoes and socks to change into afterwards. A plastic bag (ideally labelled), is perfect for the muddy kit! Please speak to us if you can help out at these sessions.

Clothing: It helps us immensely if all of your child's clothes are labelled with their name. Please make sure your child wears layers and a coat with a hood on days when it is raining and cold.

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.

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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