Early Years Newsletter Spring Term 2

The Early Years team are...

Class Teachers:
Mrs Mansfield
Miss Sharp

Additional staff:
Mrs Abbott
Mrs Herridge
Mrs Lomax

Sports Coach:
Mr Deverall

Key Dates To Remember This Term

Children Return to School	28 Feb 2022
World book day dress up day	4 March 2022
Science Week	11-20 March
Fellowship Breakfast	16 March
HSA Mother's Day Shopping Event	25 March
Easter Service at Bray Church	6 April
Last day of Term and HSA Easter Egg Hunt	8 April

The Children had such fun learning about 'Amazing Animals' and taking part in some enrichment activities. Going on a jungle safari in the role play area was popular, as was the visit we had from two little baby tortoises. Learning about the Panda bears in China and celebrating Chinese new year by cooking some Chinese food in the kitchen was very exciting. But the firm favourite was the animal fancy dress day. The costumes were amazing! The children loved putting on an 'animal' fashion show and parading their costume with confidence for all to see.







Next Term - Come Outside!

Our next topic will look at growing, gardening, seasons, the weather, recycling and ways to look after our planet - starting with our local community. We are planning to take part in British Science Week in March. The theme this year is 'Growth' and it hopes to introduce the children to the concept of growth through a variety of activities and by discussing how growth is part of people, plants, animals, materials, countries and other things in their everyday lives.

We would like to ask parents who have a passion for gardening or who's job is in science and would be interested in a voluntary visit in school, to assist with our next terms topic 'Come Outdoors!', to make contact with the class teacher.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our stars of last term...

Ava
Caiden
Danial
Elijah
Hattie
Thomas

Our Value This Term is...



Important Notices

Show and Tell

Has your child achieved something outside of school? Given an award, won a competition, achieved a badge, or any other proud moments that we would like to help them celebrate in school. Please do share this with us by bringing it in or showing some photographs.

Further Communication

Keep an eye on our Communication board and posters in the classroom door for messages affecting reception and nursery. We update our website weekly and the school office will email you newsletters, letters and other communications. Any queries please find a member of staff.

PE Day

PE for Reception and Nursery is on a Tuesday morning with either our sports coach Mr Deverall or Miss Sharp.

Wellington Boots

We ask that for the children to use the mud kitchen and the sand pit they will need wellington boots. These will need to be named and can be left at school in the wellington holders outside of Donaldson classroom.

Name Belongings

Please name all of your child's belongings clearly.



Come Outside! Curriculum Overview

Communication and Language

Children learn new vocabulary associated with gardening, parts of plants, natural science and growth. They will be encourage to describe events and observations in detail, retell stories and hold back and forth conversations focusing on the importance of listening to others.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term's topic is 'relationships'. We will explore what makes a good friend, being healthy, acts of kindness and ways to help look after our planet. This fits in nicely with our school value this term, Responsibility.

Physical Education

PE this term is gymnastics.

Literacy

We will look at a variety of non-fiction texts on our topic theme. We will read instructions from seed packets and share some favourite stories; Jack and the Beanstalk, The Tiny Seed and The Enormous Turnip, among others. Children will continue to make good progress towards writing simple sentences.

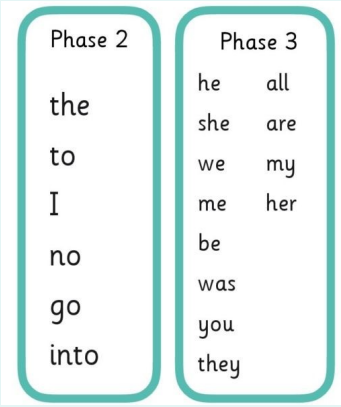
Maths

We will be continuing to explore and develop a deeper understanding of numbers to ten and combining two groups. We will investigate and use simple ways to measure height and weight, using language such as heavy and light or long and short. The children will also begin to explore time and simple ways to measure it.

Home Learning

In Reception children are expected to practice their reading at home. All reception children have a reading scheme book and a record book. These books progress as you child learns to apply their phonics knowledge and can blend sounds to read. Reading books are changed twice weekly. Please write a short note in your children record book to let us know how they got on with their reading at home. We aim to listen to every child read in school once a week.

In addition to reading books, the children bring home a phonics work sheet. These sheets support the learning of phonics in school. They are additional practice and an extra learning opportunity for the child to embed and consolidate the sound. Please complete the task an keep the worksheets inside the plastic folder provided.



Children now have a bookmark of tricky words to practice. You will find this with their reading book. Tricky words do not sound out and the children need to be able to recognise these words in their reading books and know what they say and mean. We practice spotting these words in school and we have been learning to write them and include them in our written work.

There are many more resources available on the Reception Class Page on the school website to support your child with their phonics at home.