



EYFS Newsletter

Spring Term Two 2019

We cannot believe that we are now half way through the academic year. The children are loving everything that the EYFS unit brings to them. Last term was a busy one with some fantastic wow moments! We performed a short assembly about the circus which the children thoroughly enjoyed and they did very well considering the amount of illness that was about at the time. The Million Dreams song sent shivers down our spine—they sang it beautifully. A huge thank you to parents for supplying the costumes.

We had some interesting and informative visitors which included a member of the ambulance service, a nurse, blood bike and some police officers and dog handlers. The children have enjoyed their topic days of Cops and Robbers, Circus, Beauty Salon and Chinese New Year.

Chinese New Year

The children had a lovely day celebrating Chinese New Year. They made dragons, built the Great Wall of China, made red envelopes, lanterns and fans. They danced to Chinese music before eating a Chinese feast of prawn crackers, noodles and spring rolls using Chopsticks!



Uniform

Thank you to all those parents who have helped to support us with the smartness of the school uniform and with the hair accessories. It's lovely to see the children looking much neater and taking pride in their appearance.

Can you help?

We are looking for any of the following items to help develop our outdoor area:

Wooden cable reels

Artificial grass

Drainage pipes

Black paint

Blocks of wood

If you have any of these or have any contacts we would be very grateful.

Easter Baking

As the children love to bake, we have decided to have an Easter themed baking session during the last week of term.



What we have planned for the children...

Below is a very brief overview of what we will be learning this term. Our Topic is all about Animals, Plants and Places. We have asked the children what they would like to learn about and we have incorporated their ideas into our planning. The children have also voted which literacy books they wanted. We will be revisiting some Phase 3 sounds this term and ensuring that the children are confident to use them in their writing.

Week	Topic focus	Literacy	Phonics	Maths	Other
1 25/2/19	Arctic and Ant-arctic	What's your super power?	ch air ai	Length	INSET - Monday
2 4/3/19	World Book Day	Instructions	sh ee or	Position	5 th - Pancakes 7 th World Book Day
3 11/3/19	Farm	Speech and captions	th igh ng	Position	Vision Day - 11th Farm Trip—14th March
4 18/3/19	The big five of Africa	Description	ear oo ar	Weight	
5 25/3/19	Under the sea	Thought bubbles	ow oa ur	Weight	
6 1/4/19	Planting - sun-flowers /cress	Rhyme/poem	er or ow	Capacity	
7 11/4/19	Easter - baking	Recounts	Consolidation	Halving / Sharing	Easter Bonnet Parade

Reading

Last term we introduced guided reading to the children and they all responded so well and are now familiar when using the strategy check, ask your child to show you, (look at the first letter, make the sounds, blend the sounds together and cross check with the picture). We will continue to do guided reading every week and change the individual reading books as we have been doing so please make sure that your child reads/shares books with you at home regularly.

Homework

Homework will continue as it has done this term, with daily home reading, learning the keywords, developing their phonics, writing numbers and completing the journal once a fortnight. In addition to this, it would be great if you could support your child with their writing so that they are able to write sentences independently. We will shortly be sending home writing books where the child will be encouraged to write about a picture. Your support with this would be much appreciated.

Trip

We have arranged a trip to National Forest Adventure Farm for Thursday 14th March 2019. In the past this trip has also been a great success and the children love to meet the animals, have a tractor trailer ride and enjoy the play equipment. Information has been sent out via parent pay. Any parents available to help on this trip please let me a member of the team know.



Stevens Award

At the end of each term, each teacher nominates one child who has shown exceptional effort throughout the term. There is then one winner from EYFS/KS1 and one from KS2. The EYFS nominations were:

Dolphins— Charlie

Seahorses— Noah S

The winner was William from year 2

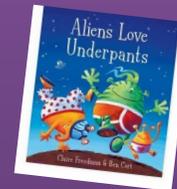
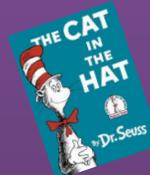
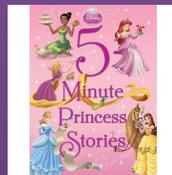
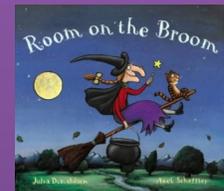
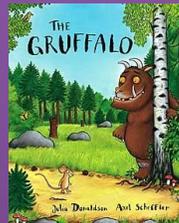


World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March 2019 we will join thousands of children and schools across the country to celebrate World Book Day.

Children can come to school with their favourite book and dressed as their favourite character from that book.

We will be doing lots of book related activities and having plenty of stories.



Easter Bonnet

On Friday 15th April we will hold our annual EYFS Easter Bonnet Competition. There will be prizes for the most imaginative bonnet. There are no limits so be as creative as you wish.



