

# EYFS Newsletter

Spring Term Two 2018

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 received a good report from DDAT and they were impressed with your children and how they conduct themselves in school. 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. A huge thank you to the parents for supplying the costumes. We had some interesting and informative visitors from the fire service, NSPCC and some police officers. The children have enjoyed their topic days of cops and robbers, circus, beauty salon and hospitals.

## Door Opening

You will have noticed that we have had a little change when opening the door in a morning. Where possible Mrs Chisholm and Miss Roper will take turns opening the door in a morning this will allow parents from the Seahorse class to see Miss Roper in a morning and it will allow Mrs Chisholm to be with the Dolphins quicker in a morning. The doors open between 8.45- 8.50am The doors will close at 8.55am. All children should be in school by this time, if you are running late please enter via the main office doors, please do not come through the other school doors and corridors.

## Easter Baking

As the children love to bake, we have decided to have an Easter themed baking session during the last week of term. No contributions are required for this.

## 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, spring rolls, fortune cookies and washed it all down with Chinese tea.



# 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. 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 26/2/18	Arctic and Antarctic (penguins, polar bears, landscapes, ice experiments)	Rain forest (reptiles, snakes, climate) Non fiction	ch, sh th,	Weight	Thursday 1st March—World book day and Dress up
2 5/3/18	The big five of Africa (animals, savannah, landscapes, safari)	Handa's Hen	ng, ai ee	Weight	
3 12/3/18	Farm	Farmer Duck	igh, oa,oo (moon)	Capacity	Farm Trip—15 March
4 19/3/18	Church visit Easter cards / egg hunt	Baby Chicks	ar, or, ur	Capacity	Easter Bonnets 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018

## 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.

## Trip

We have arranged a trip to National Forest Adventure Farm for Thursday 15th March 2018. 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.



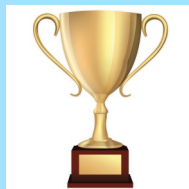
## Stevens Award

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— Louis H

Seahorses— Lily F

The winner was Fraser from year 1

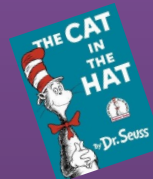
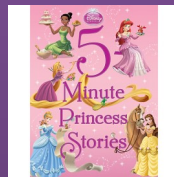
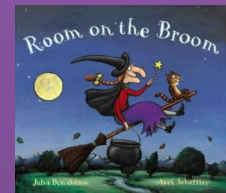
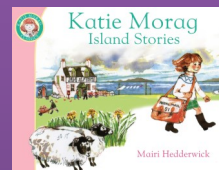
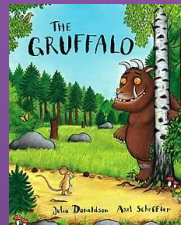


## World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March 2018 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 23rd March 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.



