

EYFS Newsletter

Spring Term Two 2017

We can not 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 Ofsted and they were impressed with your children and how they conduct themselves in school. We performed a short assembly on Chinese New Year which the children did very well considering the amount of illness and little rehearsal time. We had some interesting and informative visitors from a doctor and police officer. The children have enjoyed their topic days of cops and robbers, circus, beauty salon and hospitals.

Mathematical Development

In math's we are having a slight change to how we teach it. Until now we have taught various themes during the term but this term we are working more towards mastery and therefore we will be focusing on the same theme for longer so that it deepens the children's understanding and therefore their application skills should become much more concrete and secure.



Easter Bake Off!

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.

Hospitality Week

Each year the whole school take part in a hospitality week where each class/department do something hospitable to others. Last year EYFS thanked Mr Hunt and the cleaners, this year we are going out into the community and intend making something creative for Beechcroft Nursing Home.



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	Literacy	Phonics	Numeracy	Topic	Special events
1 20/2/17	Non fiction text on rain forests	ch, sh th,	Composing and decomposing	Artic and Ant-arctic	
2 27/2/17	Barry the fish with fingers Fiction Text	ng, ai ee	Commutative addition with exchange	Under the sea	Thursday 2nd March—World book day and Dress up
3 6/3/17	Gruffalo and Gruffalos child—A comparison of two fiction texts	igh, oa,oo (moon)	Addition as combining two or more groups	Forest / woods	
4 13/3/17	Farmer Duck—Fiction texts	ar, or, ur	Addition by adding on	Farm	Farm Trip—16 March
5 20/3/17	Handa's hen	ow oi oy	Subtraction as taking away	The big five of Africa	
6 27/3/17	Rainbow fish The importance of sharing	air er oo (book)	Subtraction by decreasing	Prep for Hospitality week	
7 3/4/17	Baby chick non fiction text	ear, As-sessments	Comparing whilst problem solving	Easter baking Hospitality week	Easter Bonnet parade— 3rd April

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 16th March 2017. 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. If any parents are available to help out on the trip please speak to a member of EYFS staff.



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—Bethany

Seahorses—George

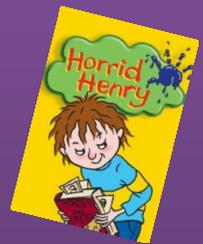
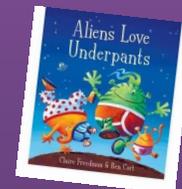
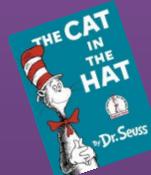
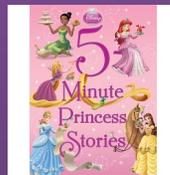
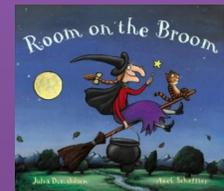
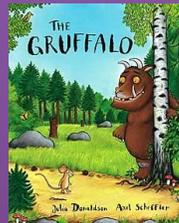
The winner was Eva from Year 1



World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March 2017 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.



Easter Bonnet

On Monday 3rd 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.



