

# EYFS Newsletter

Spring Term Two 2020

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, an engineer, musician, mechanic and some police officers. The children have enjoyed their topic days of Cops and Robbers, Circus, Beauty Salon and Chinese New Year.

## Can you help?

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

Wooden cable reels      Bungy cords

Artificial grass      Tarpauline

Drainage pipes      Old swim floats

Blocks of wood      Any garden storage

Crates

Large logs to sit on like tree trunks

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

## 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!



## 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. We will be revisiting Phase 3 sounds this term and ensuring that the children are confident to use them in their writing.

Week	Topic focus	Literacy	Maths	Events
1 24/2/20	Arctic and Antarctic	Pancakes Instructions	3D shapes	
2 2/3/20	World Book Day The big five of Africa	What's your super power?	2D shapes	5th March World Book Day 7th March— Family clean the courtyard
3 9/3/20	Farm Trip	Speech and caption	Patterns	12th March— Farm Trip
4 16/3/20	Under the sea (Scuba diving, commotion in the ocean)	Description	Subtraction as taking away	
5 23/3/20	Planting, looking at sun-flowers, cress	Writing in rhyme	Subtraction by decreasing	
6 30/3/20	Church visit Easter cards	Prediction	Consolidation and assessments	3rd April—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 key-words, 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. We have placed a display tray with worksheets in that might support your child's learning it is by the EYFS entrance door, please feel free to pop in at the end of the day, once all the children have been released to collect some.

## Trip

We have arranged a trip to National Forest Adventure Farm for Thursday 12th March 2020. 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 and have a school DBS please let 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— Artie

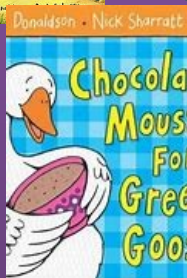
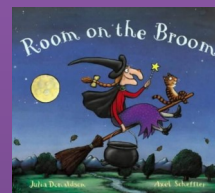
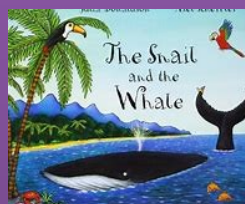
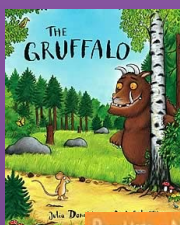
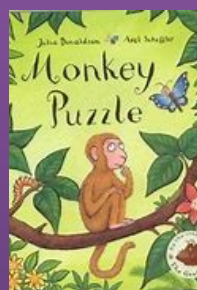
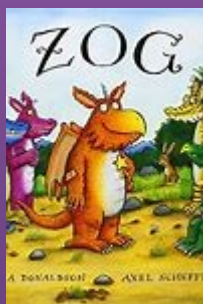
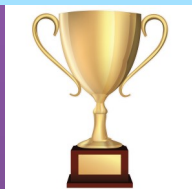
Seahorses— Lola

## World Book Day

On 5th March we will join thousands of children and schools across the country to celebrate World Book Day.

Children can come to school dressed as a character from a book if they wish.

We will be doing lots of book related activities and having plenty of stories. We will focus on books from the author Julia Donaldson.



## Easter Bonnet

On Friday 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.



