

Reception Newsletter



Spring 2

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half term holiday. Last half term was a great start to the new year and the children thoroughly enjoyed our Winter/Superhero topic. We have lots more learning to look forward to this half term and many exciting opportunities for the children in store.



People Who Help Us & Amazing Animals

Our topic to start off this half term is People Who Help Us. We will start off by finding out about people who help us in our local area. This will range from the emergency services to construction workers to mums/dads/grandparents/carers at home! We will be inviting volunteers to come into school and share their job roles with us. More information to follow via Tapestry.

We are also very excited about our Amazing Animals topic. Our classroom role play areas will transform into Veterinary Surgeries. We will be exploring and learning more about different types of animals in more detail each week, including pets. We will also have a big focus on farm animals which will be very exciting and useful in preparing us for our upcoming trip to Hall Hill Farm later this month.

Reading

The children are continuing to impress us with their brilliant progress with reading this year. Thank you so much for your support in listening to them read regularly and helping them to learn the sounds and words in their sound books. As well as the structured teaching of reading that the children receive at school, sharing their home reader with you, gives them the opportunity to put these skills into practise. So, thank you for your continued support in hearing your child read at home. We cannot stress strongly enough how important this is. Reading daily with your child, as well as sharing stories with them, is the single biggest and most important thing you can do to help your child's learning. Please continue to sign your child's reading diary if they have read at home, it is always useful for staff to hear how the children have read at home. Our reading days will be staying the same for this half term and we will continue to collect decodable books (reading practice books) on a **Monday** and send new ones on a **Thursday**. Although we only change books on a Thursday, please ensure reading books and diaries are in book bags every day so that adults in school can read with your child. Thank you for your support with sound books. We can really see the impact of regularly practising these sounds and tricky words at home too.



Hall Hill Farm

We are incredibly excited to announce that we will be going on our first Reception trip of the year to Hall Hill Farm. The trip is on Thursday 31st March. We will be sending more information including permissions forms once we have finalised transport arrangements. The children are already very excited about this trip (as are the staff!) and it will be a brilliant way to consolidate and expand on the learning through our topics this half term.

PE

PE days this half term will be on a **Monday** and **Friday**. We will be continuing our work with a coach from the PE Sports service this half term for our PE sessions on a Monday. We will be focussing on finding and negotiating space and gymnastics this half term.

Parents Evening

We are looking forward to sharing with you the progress your child is making at our upcoming parents' evenings. These will be on Monday 21st March and Tuesday 22nd March. Booking information will be available via ParentMail.

Weather/ Uniform

We are still running low on spare clothing in school. Thank you for donations if you have done so already. However, if you still have any spare school trousers, jumpers/cardigans, socks, underwear at home then we would really appreciate any further donations! Thank you.

Homework and Letter Formation

We were so impressed with the homework efforts last term. It has been brilliant to see that the children are benefitting from the support and time that is spent on the activities at home. The children are always incredibly proud of their achievements. We will continue to send weekly homework on Thursdays this half term. Thank you for your support.

Visitors

We are very pleased to be able to welcome visitors back into Reception for Star of the Week. Please arrange with your child's class teacher if you would like to come in for your child's star of the week.

As part of our topic work this half term, we are exploring people who help us and different job roles. It would be brilliant and a great way to inspire our children, if any parents/carers would like to come in and share their job role with us. Please get in touch with your child's teacher for more information, via Tapestry, if you would be able to come into school to chat to Reception about your job and experiences.

We are usually available before and after school to speak to parents so please do not hesitate get in touch if you have any queries or concerns. Alternatively, you could write a note or leave a message with the school office and we will get back to you ASAP. Thank you again for your continued support, we are enjoying every moment with your brilliant children and we can't believe that we are already half way through the year!

With your continued support, I am sure that we will have another successful and exciting half term ahead of us.

Best Wishes,
The Early Years Team