

Reception

NEWSLETTER

Enjoy the Easter Break

The children have quickly settled back into the school routine and it has been lovely to have everyone together in school again! We are looking forward to starting the Summer term with our new topic 'Turn the Page' and bringing lots of awe and wonder into the children's learning. We hope you have a restful Easter with lots of chocolate!

Our next topic

Our learning next half term will focus on reading a range of stories. These will include traditional tales, cultural stories and stories with a twist. We are currently preparing to transform our classrooms into magical kingdoms - complete with a Giant's castle!

Words of the Week

Every week we introduce the children to a new word that might be unfamiliar to them. We go over definitions, synonyms, look at pictures related to that picture and try to use it as often as we can. Please encourage your child to share their knowledge with you.

Week 1: Author

Week 2: Chores

Week 3: Courageous

Week 4: Miserable

Week 5: Illustrator

Week 6: Ecstatic

In maths ...

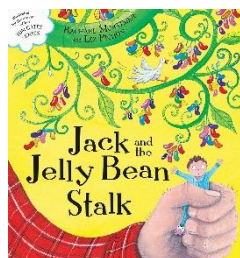
Next half term in maths we will be looking at doubling, halving and sharing. We will explore these concepts using objects such as counters. Those that master this will begin to recite doubling/halving facts by rote. We will also be looking at number patterns, such as odds and evens as well as patterns with objects.

Please support your child by pointing out examples of doubles, odd, evens etc. at home and whilst out and about.

Our class book and author is:

Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk
by Rachael Mortimer and Liz Pichon

We read a range of books every day in Reception but this will be the text that we base some of our literacy around and look at in depth. We will learn about the authors and look at other books they have written.



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Phonics and Reading

Your child is now bringing home up to 3 reading books each week. These books are carefully matched to the sounds that your child has been learning at school. Please write a comment in their yellow reading journal each time you listen to your child read. This helps us ensure that all children have the opportunity to read to an adult regularly.

PE

In addition to the daily physical activities the children engage in, all children will continue to have weekly PE lessons. One week this will be outdoors and the other indoors – the children will only get changed into their PE kits for the indoor session. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day.

Our Butterflies

This half term we have been learning about life cycles and were lucky enough to have some caterpillars delivered! The children have loved observing the changes and are excited to see them hatch from their chrysalis! Keep an eye on Twitter over half term to find out when our butterflies have flown away.

Reminders

- Please rename all children's clothes as lots of the names have now been washed out since September.
- Children need to bring their book bag and reading books to school every day.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Early Years Team.