



Welcome Back! Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this message finds you well and eager for the exciting half term ahead! We have a lot planned leading up to Easter, and we can't wait to share it with you.

Our Topic: Spring and Traditional Tales

For the next half term, our focus will revolve around the themes of Spring and Traditional Tales. We're diving into classic stories like "The Three Little Pigs" and "The Gingerbread Man," exploring characters, settings, and the art of storytelling.

Literacy Learning: Retelling Stories

In literacy, we'll be immersing ourselves in the enchanting world of storytelling. We'll delve into the adventures of the Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread Man, examining characters, settings, and plotlines. Our goal is to help your child develop their storytelling skills and confidently retell these beloved tales in their own words.

Mathematics Exploration: Number Bonds to 10

In mathematics, we're focusing on the foundational concept of number bonds to 10 and beyond. Through hands-on activities and interactive exercises, students will explore different ways of making numbers up to 10, understand positional language, and identify shapes with 3, 4, and 5 sides. We'll also emphasize counting on and back from different numbers, laying the groundwork for deeper mathematical understanding.

Phonics and Reading: Phase 3 and Reading Practice

We're continuing our phonics journey with Phase 3, introducing new graphemes and strengthening reading and spelling skills. Daily reading practice is essential, and we encourage you to engage your child with their home reader, explore their favourite books together, and practise tricky words and sounds. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvOuc7cWXxc>

You can find additional resources and books on Oxford Owl. https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/?view=image&query=&type=book&age_group=Age+4-5&level=&level_select=&book_type=&series=#

Important Reminders:

- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with water (no juice) and a labelled coat daily for outdoor activities.
- Snack money (£1 per week) is payable to the class teacher every Monday. Healthy snacks are encouraged, and if your child brings grapes, please ensure they are cut in half for safety and all food brought into school should be nut free.
- World Book Day is on Thursday, 6th March. More information will follow regarding activities and celebrations.
- Wonderful Wednesday is on 2nd April at 2.30pm
- Spring Term ends on Friday, 4th April and we return to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Staff Members:

Please feel free to speak to any of our dedicated staff members if you have any questions or concerns.

- Mrs. Whittaker (EYFS Lead)
- Mrs. Riley (Teacher)
- Mrs. Felton (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss Crewe (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs. Cuff (Teaching Assistant - AM only)

We're excited for our learning opportunities ahead. Don't forget to check ClassDojo regularly for updates and insights into your child's progress and activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education journey.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Whittaker and Mrs. Riley