

How You can Help at home.



Reading

This half term we will be celebrating spring. We are reading the Hungry Caterpillar and looking at new life, growth and changes. You can help your child at home by looking at books relating to spring and discussing all the things that happen in spring such as planting seeds and growing flowers, how baby animals such as lambs and chicks are born, the change of caterpillar to butterfly and how birds fly home for the spring. We will be encouraging children to read books associated with spring and spring animals for literacy and to read books to do with shapes and counting for numeracy in order to enhance children's knowledge of simple shapes and to re-enforce counting numbers. Our library drop in will continue within the classroom on a Thursday and will be a half hour session, where you can talk with teachers and encourage your children to look and choose books.



Writing

We will continue to teach letters and sounds this half term to help familiarize children with sounds and concepts in order to prepare them for beginning to read in reception. We will offer numerous activities to encourage children to develop their skills such as fine motor activities, art and craft activities along with practical and computing activities. We will begin to send children with homework on a Friday to be handed in for a Monday in order for parents to help encourage children with their writing at home.

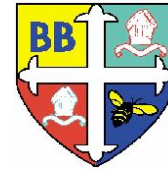


Numeracy

We are looking at shapes this half term and encouraging children to become familiar with simple shapes such as square, triangles and circles and if you would like to help extend this knowledge for your child you can help them become familiar with more complex shapes such as rectangles, diamonds and hexagons. We will also continue to re-enforce counting to 10 and to extend this knowledge we will help the children count back down to 0.



Useful Websites

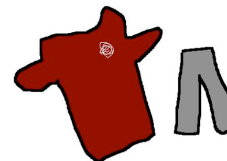


Nursery

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We Work, We Play,



We Care, We Pray



Half Termly Overview of Work



Literacy

This term we are looking at the Hungry Caterpillar to introduce the children to the concept of spring. Within literacy we will be encouraging children to discuss the things they have learnt about spring using simple sentences and to further this skill we will encourage children to talk in more complex sentences by extending sentences with connectives such as 'and, because, also, as well..' We will encourage the children to develop their questioning skills asking them why...? What if...? How could you..?

Within class we will continue to encourage pencil control and will be sending home work pencil control sheets for the children to trace.



Numeracy

In Numeracy this half term we will looking at how things grow using language such as small and big, i.e the small plants grow into big plants.

We will be looking at simple shapes such as triangles, circles and squares and introducing rectangles and hexagons.

We will also continue to re-enforce counting to 10 and extend by counting back down to 0.

Class Routines



Snack

Children will be offered a healthy morning snack. Please ensure that they bring £1 to school on Monday mornings. This is used for purchasing snack and consumable materials e.g. play dough, prizes and baking ingredients. Reminder notes will be sent out from this half term.



Dates to remember

Friday 6th March World book day.
Wednesday 1st April closes for the Easter holidays
Thursday 9th April return to school



School Trips

There are currently no trips planned.

Topic

Our topic this term is spring, we will be looking at how things grow, by planting seeds. We also have baby chicks coming into school so the children can experience hatching from eggs into baby chicks. We are looking at how flowers grow and how things change in the spring time.

Phonics

This half term we are looking at rhythm and rhyme, we will be encouraging children to sing nursery rhymes and to become familiar with words that rhyme such as bug, jug, mug. We will be reading books that have rhyming rhythms and playing rhyming games such as rhyming bingo.



RE

This half term we will continue to say our prayers within each session.



Computing

Children have access to ipads within continuous provision for them to learn how to effectively work the ipad and encourage them to play educational games



PE - To keep fit nursery regularly have access to outdoors, nature area and occasionally complete dancing routines and stretches



Homework

We will send home a reading book every week to be read for 5 minutes every night. We will be sending home work on a Friday for children to complete with parents.

