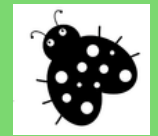




# Reception Spring 2 Newsletter



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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 'Our Amazing World' topic. We have lots more learning to look forward to this half term and many exciting opportunities for the children in store.



## REAL LIFE SUPERHEROES & 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 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 are very excited to welcome the duckling hatching programme back into school this year. The eggs will be arriving with us in early March! 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 AND SOUND BOOKS

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.

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.



## HOMEWORK

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



## BALANCE BIKE ROAD SAFETY

Bikeability staff were very impressed with the children's balance bike skills. They requested to move on to do a learn to ride session with all Reception children. A huge amount of children are now able to ride peddle bikes (without stabilisers!). We are very proud of the children's efforts and determination and Bikeability staff were incredibly impressed with the number of children cycling by the end of their sessions. Thank you for your support in bringing bikes into school to support the sessions.



## HALL HILL FARM

We are very excited to be visiting Hall Hill Farm this half term.

The trip is on Thursday 30th March. More information, including permissions forms, have been sent via ParentMail. 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

Our PE days for this half term can be found below. Please ensure that PE kits are in school all week. Could we also ask that you ensure PE kits are fully named so that lost kit can be returned as quickly as possible.

PE days this half term:

Ladybird Class: Tuesday and Thursday

Honeybee Class: Thursday and Friday



Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch either by catching us on the door at home time or ringing/emailing the school office, who will pass on your queries. Alternatively, leave us a message on Tapestry and we will get back to you.

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