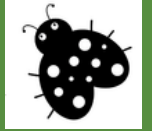




Reception Newsletter Spring 2 2024



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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 planned.

Dates for your diary

- 7th March- World Book Day
- 12th March- Honeybee Maths Workshop
- 14th March- Ladybird Maths Workshop
- 22nd March- Reception Trip to Hall Hill Farm

PE

Our PE days for this half term can be found below. Please ensure that PE kits are in school all week.

PE days this half term:

Ladybird Class: Tuesday and Thursday

Honeybee Class: Thursday and Friday

HOMEWORK

We have been 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!

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 a Pet Shop and then Veterinary Surgery. 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 term.



HALL HILL FARM

We are very excited to be visiting Hall Hill Farm this half term. The trip is on Friday 22nd 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.



MATHS @ HOME WORKSHOP



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A letter has been sent via Parentmail to all Reception parents/carers inviting one parent/carer per child into school for a maths workshop. We are looking forward to getting started with 'The Mastering Number at Home' project which is a five week project with a series of carefully crafted games and activities to perfectly compliment the 'Mastering Number' programme for all pupils in Reception. Please ensure that you have confirmed your attendance via Parentmail by Monday 4th March so that we can prepare resources.

MISSING READING BOOKS

We have completed a reading book audit in Reception and we are missing a large number of our Little Wandle/Big Cat Phonic Reading books. Please could we ask that you have a check at home to see if you have any spare books which need to be returned to school. It is very difficult to complete our weekly group reads in school without full sets of reading books.



LUNAR NEW YEAR

We had a brilliant time celebrating Lunar New Year in Reception last half term. The children looked brilliant in their red themed clothing and had lots of fun taking part in a carousel of activities throughout the day, including food tasting and dragon dancing!



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