



Spring 2 Half Term Information for Parents Early Years

Happy children aiming high

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are ready for a busy half term ahead! This information sheet tells you a little about our Early Years setting and about the theme being followed for this half term. We hope that you find it useful.

You may have noticed Mr Benefield working in Early Years. He will be working with us on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Theme: Spring 2-Watch this Grow

Continuous Provision in the Early Years

Continuous provision covers the areas that are available to children most of the time.

Construction area

Here children have a variety of large and small building toys such as large foam bricks, wooden blocks and Duplo. This area is always popular with some very creative and imaginative models and buildings being built. Teamwork is encouraged and naturally lots of interaction between peers occurs as well as some great language development. Clipboards and paper are often available, so children can draw their models. Half termly enhancements-building wind turbines, refuse collection lorries

Small World area

In this area children can use resources such as trains or farm animals to create their own games and role play. Half termly enhancements-props to support imaginative play around recycling, spring, celebrations

Home Corner

This is always a busy area where children act out experiences they have had or seen such as washing up, helping with the baking or laying the table for a meal, the children love dressing the dolls and taking them for a walk!! As with all areas of Early Years imagination, creativity and Communication and language are developed in this area. Half termly enhancements-props to support role play around pancake day, recycling centres

Water area

Children have access to a range of containers and tools to explore in the water tray. Here children can begin to understand capacity and the language of capacity such as full, half full and empty as well as making up their own imaginative games. Half termly enhancements- capacity, language around capacity, making pancakes

Dough table

Dough is a great resource to help develop children's fine motor skills and hand strength to later support writing. This term we will continue weekly Dough Disco sessions to further develop co-ordination and the muscles in children's hands and arms. Half termly enhancements-themed dough mats to encourage imagination. Props to support pancake Day, themed playdough

Writing area

A very popular area! Children have access to a variety of writing tools and equipment including clip boards, whiteboards and paper. Half termly enhancements-Celebrations cards, recipe writing, poster making

Maths area

Children are provided with a variety of resources for number, sorting, counting, practical addition and subtraction, measuring and shape activities. This half term we will learn about numbers 0-20, number

bonds to 5 and 10, money, weight and capacity.

Read Write Inc- All children will participate in Read Write Inc activities, the phonics scheme we use within school. Children will work at different levels-learning the Read Write Inc Pictures, letter sounds, using the letter sounds in their writing, using their knowledge of sounds to read words and sentences.

Our books this half term: Mr Wolf's Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes, We're going on an Egg hunt, recycling non-fiction books, spring stories and books

As part of a whole school focus on Sustainability we will be exploring how we can help our planet.

How can you help?

- Ensure your child is in school on time and ready to learn-8:45 for Nursery, 8:50 for Reception.
- We always enjoy hearing about your child's achievements, big and small! Trying a new food, climbing to the top of the slide in the park, sleeping all night in their own bed....
- We are really enjoying the observations that you are putting onto Tapestry. We look at these with the children and share them with the class. Please keep up the good work!
- If you have any large boxes, please bring them into early years as they would be great for making fire engines and buses!
- **NEXT TERM WE NEED YOUR RECYCLING PLEASE!**

Class Reminders

Please help us by naming clothing, particularly jumpers and coats.

We will be outside every day, so your child needs a warm coat.

Nursery do not need back packs unless discussed with early Years staff. Large bags are causing a storage problem so we would appreciate your help with this, thank you.