

Year R Newsletter

Spring Term

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back! We hope that you had a peaceful Christmas break and got the chance to spend some quality time with your friends and families. We would like to once again thank you for your kind Christmas cards, gifts and wishes.



Congratulations

We are delighted to inform you that over the Christmas holidays Miss Head got married! It has been explained to the children that her name has changed and we are now to call her Mrs Kelly. I am sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Kelly and wishing her the best of luck in her married life.



Spring Term Learning

Please see below the maths and literacy themes and topics that we will be covering this term, alongside following the children's own interests in child led learning. You can find more detailed plans for each topic in the following location on the school website:

Children - Class pages – Year R Sunflower Class – Spring Term Information

Week Commencing	Maths Theme
6 th January	Number Bonds to 5
13 th January	Number Bonds to 5
20 th January	Counting to 6, 7 and 8
27 th January	Counting to 9 and 10
3 rd February	Comparing groups up to 10
10 th February	Comparing groups up to 10
Half Term 17th February – 21st February	
24 th February	Combining two groups to find the whole
2 nd March	Number bonds to 10 – ten frame
9 th March	Number bonds to 10 – part-whole model
16 th March	Spatial Awareness
23 rd March	3d Shapes
30 th March (Last day Wednesday 1 st)	2d Shapes
Easter Holidays 2nd April – 15th April	

Week Commencing	Theme
6 th January	Food
13 th January	Food
20 th January	Chinese New Year
27 th January	Food
3 rd February	Long Ago and Far Away
10 th February	Long Ago and Far Away
Half Term 17th February – 21st February	
24 th February	People who help us (+ Shrove Tuesday)
2 nd March	People who help us
9 th March	Purim
16 th March	Living Eggs and Mother's Day
23 rd March	Easter
30 th March (Last day Wednesday 1 st)	Easter
Easter Holidays 2nd April – 15th April	

Power Project

Many thanks to all those who added learning observations onto Tapestry for the power project set at the beginning of the year. We have created a new power project for this term for you to get working on. Please remember that any power project work completed at home and shared on Tapestry is celebrated in class, which the children really enjoy. You can find the new reception power project for this term on the school website under:

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Phonics and Reading

Thank you for your hard work with supporting your child to learn all of the sounds we have sent home so far. Because of your support, and their hard work in school, the children have done really well and are making fantastic progress in their reading.

This term, we are introducing the children to learning weekly 'red' words (sight words that can't be sounded out). Last week, we assessed all children on their reading of the red words and we have ticked the words that they already can read (please do not worry if your child does not know any yet, this will come with time). Each week we will indicate with the date, the words that the children need to learn next (the words will differ from child to child according to their own starting points and their ability to remember the words). We will also place a bookmark on the page they are learning that particular week.

Please practice reading these words with your child every day, in addition to reading their book. We will assess all children the following Friday on the words they are learning that week. If they have learned the whole page of words, we will date the next page for them to learn a new set of words. If they have not quite learned the whole page, we will give them the original page for another week.



General Notices

Tapestry

We hope you are enjoying sharing your child's learning journey at home by accessing Tapestry. Please be reminded that we really appreciate contributions from home and would ask you all to try to upload at least one observation to Tapestry from home a week.



Wellies

As children have access to our outdoor area in all weather, please could we ask that children bring in a pair of wellies to keep in school for use on wet days. Please ensure the wellies are named and put in a carrier bag that can be kept on their pegs.



Junk Modelling

We are running low on our supply of junk modelling materials so are kindly asking for donations of any clean packaging from home that you think would be interesting for the children to use when they are creating models.



Dressing up Costumes

If you have any dressing up costumes that your child has grown out of and you think it may fit other children in reception class, we would be grateful of any donations.



Maths workshop

Following on from the positive feedback we received about our phonics workshop we held in the autumn term, we are planning a maths workshop for parents this term. This will be held in the classroom on Thursday 27th February at 2.45pm. Further reminders will be sent out in the weekly newsletters sent home every Monday.

