

Early Years Spring Newsletter

Jan 2025

This term our topic is:

All about winter – Spring 1

We will be learning about lots of things relating to winter such as the seasonal changes, UK wildlife in winter and arctic/Antarctic animals.



All about spring – Spring 2

We will be beginning to learn all about spring, including the seasonal changes, spring/farm animals, minibeasts and planting and growing.

Special events – We will also be learning about the different celebrations and memorable days/events (Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday/

Pancake Day, world book day, Holi festival, red nose day, mother's day, Easter, Ramadan/ Eid)



Children will participate in themed activities and learn about the importance of these special events.

Early Years Fund

We kindly ask you to pay a voluntary contribution of 50p per week or £3 for the half term please into the EYFS fund. This is used to buy extra resources for the children such as playdough and cooking ingredients. We have a lot of celebrations this term and the Early Years fund will also help towards the costs of resources for children to experience these.

Reminders:

Label everything – Please make sure that each item of your child's clothing (both school uniform and P.E. kit) has their name in it. Clothing often gets mixed up, especially after P.E. lessons and ensuring all clothing is named helps us return lost items quickly.

Outdoor clothing – We have a lot of outdoor learning throughout the Early Years – please ensure your child has a coat, hat, scarf and gloves, especially as the weather is starting to get colder. We have wellie racks too for your children's wellies so that they can explore the garden as well!

Illness – Please phone school if your child is ill and unable to attend. We understand young children can become ill but we encourage all children to aim for 100% attendance. There are rewards at the end of each term for 100% attendance, with a trip at the end of the school year.

Dates for the diary

Friday 14th February 9-10:15am – Winter craft morning **letter to follow**

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half Term

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day **letter to follow**

Wednesday 12th March – EYFS/KSI parents evening

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day

Monday 7th April 9-10:15am – Easter/spring craft morning

Thursday 10th April 9:15am – EYFS Easter bonnet parade **letter to follow**

Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April – Easter break

NURSERY SESSIONS

Please note that there is **NO** afternoon nursery on **Friday 14th February, Monday 7th April and Thursday 10th April** due to craft mornings and the Easter bonnet parade. Afternoon nursery children to attend in the morning 8:45-11:45. Nursery parents are able to take children home after these sessions if they wish to. Full time children to attend as normal.

How you can support at home:

Reading together – Spend a few minutes each day reading with your child. This helps build a love for books and strengthens early literacy skills.



Talk about the season – Discuss the changes in weather, what happens to the trees and their leaves and any other observations you make about winter and spring. This will reinforce what we are learning about at school.



Encourage independence – Allow your child to practise putting on their coat, zipping it up and taking off their shoes. These small tasks help build confidence and self-sufficiency.

Outdoor Play – Even in the cold weather, outdoor play is a wonderful way to explore and develop motor skills. Bundle up and enjoy a walk in the snow, jump in puddles or explore the local park to spot birds and other animals.

