

Reading



We will continue to focus on developing your child's segmenting and blending skills when reading, so please encourage them to attempt to work out each word by themselves. Many children are working on identifying the 2 letter and 3 letter sounds e.g. th, ng, ch, ay, igh so prompt your child to recognise these by sight rather than sounding them out.

If your child is confidently segmenting and blending now, ask them to read each sentence back to you to build fluency and ensure they can understand what is written, rather than just decoding words. Can they use expression for speech?

It is really important that you indicate that you have finished the book at home or read it again at least once after your child brings it home so we know whether to issue a new one. **If you don't comment we will assume you haven't read it and they will keep it.**

Keywords

Please find time each week to practise your child's key words with them. Building a sight vocabulary and being able to recognise words by sight within their reading books helps to boost their confidence, especially as sentences become longer and their books require more stamina.

Phonics (Read Write Inc)



The children will continue to work in smaller groups for their phonics sessions, targeting their learning to ensure progression at their level. The children are regularly assessed and their groups change as and when needed.



Our topic this half term is: **New Life**



*We will explore the big question,
'Does everyone have the same rights?'*

Topic learning

This half term our learning will centre around New Life, leading to Easter. First we will spend two weeks learning all about dinosaurs, then we will learn about farm animals and their young before finishing with our RE focus.

We are also going to look after and observe some frogspawn across the term, discussing the changes, recording their growth and learning about the lifecycle of a frog.



In RE this term we will be looking at the theme of 'New Life.'

We will explore symbols of new life, recap our learning about how dinosaurs, chicks and tadpoles hatch from eggs and then learn about the Christian story of Easter and how this relates to new life.



Maths



This half term we will continue to use 'Numberblocks' to support our learning as we meet 9 and 10.

We will focus on the number bonds for each number (the different combinations which total each number) and continue with addition and subtraction up to 10.

We will also focus more on developing the children's understanding of how to record their findings either using pictures, diagrams or numbers on paper or a whiteboard.

PE



Our focus in PE this half term will be Gymnastics and the children will be introduced to equipment. They will learn how to travel over, under, along and through safely.

Our sessions continue to be on Fridays but as usual please bring your child's PE kit in on Monday so we have their kit available should the timetable need to change that week.

Please ensure that your child has **both** joggers and shorts in their bag every week. They children must wear shorts for Gymnastics but will need joggers to wear over the top before and afterwards. All girls need a pair of socks to change into in case they are wearing tights that day.

Now that we are using the equipment it is essential that girls wear their hair tied back on Fridays and either come to school without earrings in, or bring in some medical tape, e.g. micropore, to cover them.