



Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter: Spring 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to Spring 2! The days are getting lighter and the temperature is starting to rise. We would like to give you a brief outline of the work your child will be covering this half term. Our new and exciting topic for the next few weeks is 'I wonder if it ever happened' and much of this work will be based around traditional tales with a link to historical events that have intrigued the world.

Maths

We will continue to use White Rose Mastery maths to develop learning. There will be a focus around the numbers 9 and 10. Children will be taught about number bonds e.g. $3+2=5$, children are expected to know all of the numbers bonds to 5 by the time they leave Reception. The children will explore and manipulate 3D shapes and have a go at constructing their own 3D models. To finish the half term, children will be introduced to more complex patterns and start to make their own. Please help your child to practise recognising numbers, counting and talking about one more and one less.

Literacy

This half term we will be re-telling traditional tales using the 'Talk for writing' technique which allows children to use actions to remember the key events and characters. The children will then write a simple version of the story using some story language and simple punctuation. **Phonic sounds:** Level 2 and 3: th, ng, wh, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo and ar. Please help your children learn how to recognise and write these sounds.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will explore how colour can be changed by using a range of powder paint, water and food colouring, playdough and sand. We will use fairytales to inspire our creativity and design our own settings and characters.

I wonder ... if it ever happened.

Communication and Language

The children will continue their regular poetry sessions and share with you the poetry performances. We will be answering questions about stories and continue to develop our vocabulary through sharing high quality texts.

Physical Development

We will start to use our new PE scheme 'Beyond the Physical' to give our children the opportunity to learn a range of new skills. This half term will be focusing on sending and receiving of balls. The children will start to develop their gross motor skills by using the outdoor equipment in our playground.

Understanding the World

We will be looking at past events and will be investigating if it ever really happened linked to our theme. The children will talk about what a plant needs to grow linked to the story 'Jack & the Beanstalk'

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be talking about what keeps us healthy. Children will look at healthy and unhealthy foods. We will be visited by the oral health workshop team who will be coming into school to talk to the children about how to keep their teeth clean and healthy.

Our Place in Our World.

We will promote individual liberty by providing children with opportunities to take risks during planned activities and provision.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

As aspiring entrepreneurs, we will begin to challenge ourselves to use different learning styles. We will apply different skills to complete a given challenge.

Healthy and Happy Living

We will explore our new outside learning environment and continue to keep ourselves fit and healthy throughout the school day.

Inquisitive Investigators

We will encourage children to predict and summarise key events in a story. Enabling children to develop key vocabulary linked to different stories.

Important information & dates to remember:

- Children break up for this term on **Thursday 28th March.**
- Parents consultations will be held on **Wednesday 27th March.** Letters and texts will be sent out with information on how to book your slot.
- PE in **FSWS** and **FSLH** will be on a **Wednesday** this half term. Your child must come into school wearing their PE kit. This should be a plain white t-shirt, dark coloured jumper if necessary, plain black shorts or dark coloured tracksuit/jogging bottoms and trainers.
- PE in **FSSD** will be on a **Tuesday** this half term due to this being run by an outside sports coach.
- Our Fairy Tale Ball will be held on **Friday 22nd March** to celebrate our topic this half term. Further information will be sent nearer the time.
- Our school trip to Stockeld Park will take place on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th of February. See separate letter for more information.
- If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs Sleet, Miss Wilson and Miss Dervisevik