



Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter: Summer 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back, we hope you've had a lovely break! We are hoping for lots of sun so we can enjoy some wonderful outdoor learning this half term. 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 five weeks is 'I wonder where they call home'. We will be learning about animals and their habitats and exploring similarities and differences between contrasting environments. We will use maps to help us develop an understanding of the wider world.

Maths

We will continue to use White Rose Mastery maths to develop learning. We will consolidate our learning around different number bonds to make 5 and 10. We will talk about numbers beyond 20 and learn how different amounts together make a bigger number. During the Summer term we will be developing our awareness of odd and even numbers and learning how to share amounts equally. It is important all children continue to practise their one to one counting skills, recognising numbers to 20 and become confident counting backwards from 20 and on and back from any number.

Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on non-fiction writing. Our writing will be based on our learning about different animals and their habitats. We will talk about facts and record these through lists, labels, captions and sentences. We will use 'Handa's Surprise' as a focus text, and create a story map. **Phonic sounds: Level 3 ar, oo, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air and er.** Please help your children learn how to recognise and write these sounds.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will consolidate learning of pattern as they learn about different animals. They will construct and conserve habitats in our Eco Hub to care for the local wildlife.

I wonder ... where they call home.

Communication and Language

We will explore houses and homes around the world and encourage children to talk about how these environments compare to theirs. Children will continue to be encouraged to use sentence stems and speak in full sentences when answering questions.

Physical Development

We will continue to follow our 'Beyond the Physical' PE scheme to give our children the opportunity to learn a range of new skills. Our focus this half term will be agility, balance and coordination. We will take part in a range of games and activities to help children develop these skills.

Understanding the World

We will explore many types of habitats and learn vocabulary to describe contrasting environments e.g. cold and hot. We will use Google Maps so children can see Leeds and talk about features they notice to develop their awareness of their place in this world.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our outdoor area is going to promote a new level of problem solving. It will encourage us to work together to create dens, navigate a challenging trim trail whilst being resilient if we aren't always successful. It allows us to spend more time with friends from other classes.

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 outside learning environment and continue to keep ourselves fit and healthy throughout the school day.

Inquisitive Investigators

We will encourage children to observe and question the world around them. They will be encouraged to investigate different ways to be successful.

Important information & dates to remember:

- PE in **FSSD** and **FSWS** will be every **Thursday**. 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 **FSLH** will be on a **Monday** this half term due to this being run by an outside sports coach.
- Bank Holidays: **Monday 4th May 2026**
- Our school trip to Stockeld Park will take place on **Tuesday 5th May** and **Wednesday 6th May**. See separate letter for more information.
- If you would like to take part in our '**Mystery Reader**' session, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange.
- The last day of term is **Friday 22nd May**

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