

Year R Newsletter - Spring 2 - February 2022



Our themes this half-term are “**Once upon a time**” and “**Easter**”.

Literacy – We will continue to learn our phonic sounds, keywords and high frequency words on a daily basis. We will explore traditional tales such as Three Little Pigs; stories from around the world and fiction and non-fiction books about Spring and Easter.

We will use our phonics and high frequency words to write speech bubbles, captions for stories and fact files about eggs and Spring.

Mathematics – Our maths sessions will be exploring numbers 9 and 10, looking at their composition and comparing numbers up to 10. We will also begin to write and draw our mathematical thinking as well as revisit pattern and shape.

Understanding of the world – We will use our stories theme to explore materials, history and geography. Children will use different materials to build houses and bridges and they will explore the similarities between *now* and *then*. We will also complete our R.E. unit for Easter “New life”. This will also investigate the first signs of Spring.

Art and design – In order to promote storytelling, we will explore different ways of making puppets and the use of different materials to make them.

Physical Development – In our twice weekly PE sessions we will continue to develop our co-ordination, strength and balance, as well as telling stories through creative dance.

How you can help your child at home:

Please continue to access digital books through Oxford Owl. This will build up your child’s confidence to use phonic sounds to read. We will also add books to homework on a regular basis. Why not share your favourite children’s books or rhymes?

We will regularly send out packs to children who need extra support in phonics, writing and maths. If you receive a pack and have any questions please speak to the class teacher.

Tapestry is the place to visit to see the learning in the classroom and will give you an idea of the activities that will support your child at home. This is where you can share/upload photos/videos and stories of children’s experiences at home too.

Outdoor Learning Day

Year R will be having an outdoor learning day on **Tuesday 5th April**. Please can your child wear leggings/tracksuit trousers and trainers or wellies with a coat suitable for the weather. School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn on top.



Dates for your diary

Friday, 18th March

Red Nose Day – children to dress up or wear non-uniform for a donation

Friday, 25th March

FoA Mothers’ Day Sale (details to follow)

Wednesday, 6th April

FoA Film Night (details to follow)

Friday, 8th April – 9.15am

Easter Hat Parade/Church Service

Monday, 11th to Friday, 22nd April

Easter Holidays – School Closed

PE Day

Indoor - Monday PM

Outdoor - Thursday AM



Spare Underwear/Uniform

If you have any spare underwear or school uniform, please bring into school as we are short of spares.

Water Bottle

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day.