

Foundation Stage

Spring Term 2024



Happy New Year!

What a fabulous first few days back at school we have had!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas.

In the autumn term, we absolutely loved seeing what you got up to at home whether this is reading, writing or days out! The children enjoy sharing their weekend news on a Monday so please upload photos and videos on Tapestry of what your child gets up to at home.

We wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support.

Remember, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.



Miss Bond and Miss Denton



Reading Diaries and Books

Your child will regularly read their book in class and we will use their reading diaries to write when they have read with us.

PLEASE make sure your child brings their books and diary to school every day as every spare moment we have in school we will try and read with your child.

Please try and read with your child every day (and record in the diary) as becoming a reader is the most important part of your child's education.

We have reading breakfasts every term and hope to see you in school! You will also have the opportunity to be a secret reader to the children at story time.

P.E days and kits

It is important that throughout the year all uniform and P.E kits are named please.

John King P.E Day is a **Tuesday**.

Longwood P.E Day is a **Monday**.

On PE days, please make sure earrings are removed/covered and hair is tied up.

Important Dates

Further details of any events will be sent out in separate letters to ensure you have all the relevant details.

- 11th January – Reading Breakfast.
- 6th February – Safer internet day
 - 13th Feb – Valentine's disco
 - 14th February – Kindness Day
 - 7th March – World Book Day
 - 19th March – Parent's evening
 - 20th March – Parent's evening

Home learning

The children will have access to phonics videos on class dojo, modelling the week's sounds, so that the children can practise these at home. Alongside their daily reading practise, children can practise saying the codes to these videos as well.

Follow us on social media, where we showcase our wonderful school and learning experiences. This also includes videos on how to support your child with their communication and language.



How can I leave a legacy?

This term, our enquiry question is, 'how can I leave a legacy?' This is a history-based enquiry. We want children to have knowledge about famous people in history, for example, Robin Hood and Walt Disney. We will also be remembering our own past. This will include investigating our lives when we were babies and comparing them to us now.

Deepening Knowledge Task

Your home learning challenge to deepen your understanding

Reading

Reading is the gateway to the curriculum and is important for your child to practice and apply the sounds they learn in school. Please ensure that you are reading with and to your child as much as possible. Here are some of the texts we will be learning about for you to listen to at home:

<https://youtu.be/tl8H2T4o8H8>

<https://youtu.be/bs5LXL1c3pw>

Writing

This term, we will still be practicing how to blend sounds together to write short words. We will also be building up into writing sentences. You can help at home by ensuring your child knows the codes and exception words so that writing becomes easier for them.

Check dojo weekly for links of videos.

<https://www.classdojo.com>

Maths

We follow the White Rose scheme in Maths. Follow the link below and you can follow lesson by lesson what your child is learning in school. <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/> This is a great resource to support your child and for you to see how we teach maths.

Understanding the World

In science, we will be learning about plants, light and seasonal changes. We will learn about materials and their properties.

Can your child learn about different materials in the home? Which materials can be recycled / not recycled? [Science - BBC](#)

[Bitesize](#)

RE

We follow the Derbyshire Syllabus. This term, we will be learning about what places are special and why along with people who are special and why.

[Religious Education - BBC Bitesize](#)

PD

Physical development is so important for our children. They need the strength in their muscles to be able to write. We love to do yoga which helps our bodies stay healthy. Joe Wicks also does some fun videos to help us stay fit.

[5 Minute Move | Kids Workout 1 | The Body Coach TV \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Cosmic Kids Yoga | The Home of Positive Screen Time](#)

Sticky Knowledge:

This is our knowledge organiser. We identify key piece of information we want the children to learn each term. Below is the information for Spring. We will practise these facts throughout the year after learning about them.



Subject Specific Vocabulary	
activist	A person who campaigns to bring about change.
past	Something which is in the past has already happened.
birthday	The day which we were born, this is celebrated every year.
family unit	The people who are in your family.
yearly	Something which happens once a year.
yesterday	The day before today.
anniversary	The date on which an event took place, which is remembered.

Enhancer Sticky Knowledge	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An illustrator is a person who draws or creates pictures. for magazines, books, or advertising Using different pressures when using different artistic tools can create effects. For example, wax crayons can be used for rubbing. When looking at art you can talk about whether you like the artwork or not. You can explain reasons for your choice. 	

Sticky Knowledge	
	A – A legacy is something that you can be remembered for.
	B – I know that I was born in the year 2018/2019.
	C – Key people that have left a legacy are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robin Hood – he was known for being good and kind. Walt Disney – he made lots of famous films. King Charles – he is the king of England. Greta Thunberg – is a Swedish environmental activist.
	D – Older means someone that has lived a long time. Younger means that they have lived a short time.
	E – Important people from the past are remembered in different ways.
	F – Family members often look <u>similar to</u> each other and can look different too.



Exciting texts!

