

# Early Years Foundation Stage

## Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 2026

A big 'Well Done' to all of our new starters in Nursery, you are settling so well!



### New Topics!

#### Nursery - Traditional Tales

This term in Nursery, we are enjoying a range of traditional stories starting with 'The Three Billy Goat's Gruff', 'Three Little Pigs' and 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'. The children will be learning to become great story tellers and will be creating fun, alternative endings.



#### Reception - The World and Beyond

This term in Reception, we are exploring our world and beyond! The children will be looking at the texts 'Whatever Next' and 'Look Inside Our World'. The children will be able to enjoy a range of imaginative play within our space role play area!



### Reading at Home

It is really important to read with your child at home as much as possible.

We visit the school library once per week and take a book home to share for enjoyment.

School library days are - Nursery: Monday

- Reception: Friday

Reception children are issued a new reading book every Friday along with their reading diary. Please sign the diary to let us know you have read with your child at home and if you wish to, add in a brief comment about how they got on with the book. If you would like to show case your child's reading, please upload a video/photo to us via Evidence Me.

Thank you again for your continued support.

### Early Years staff

Nursery Teacher: Mrs Horton

Also working in Nursery: Mrs Cooper, Miss Blackwell, Miss Bradley and Mrs Pinson-(cover teacher for Mrs Horton)

Reception Teachers RS: Mrs Sproson

Reception Teacher RD: Mrs Kausar

Also working in Reception: Mrs Pinson, Mrs Catton, Miss Lewis, Miss Scarratt and Miss Bate.

### Key dates for your diary:

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January-Visit from the fire service for Nursery and Reception.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February- Reception Monster Phonics workshop (writing focus) at 2:40

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February-Nursery traditional tales dress up day.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Nursery pancake tasting  
Reception pancake making

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March/Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3:30-6:30-Progress meetings for parents

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day

Nursery Sycamore trip-March 2026 date/time TBC

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March- Reception Easter Bonnet parade and Easter crafts 2:15

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March-Nursery teddy bears picnic (wear an Easter bonnet)

### Fostering Independence.

Children who are independent make better learners!

You can support your child at home in becoming more independent by encouraging them to do small tasks like putting on their coats, shoes and socks all by themselves. Thank you for your continued support.

### Named clothing

We understand children will be returning to school in January with extra items of warmer clothing - hats, scarves, gloves etc. Please ensure these items are named as it is often these smaller items that go missing!



### Wellies & Waterproofs

We are continually learning in our outdoor environment. We do this in all weathers. If you haven't done so already, please send in a pair of wellies and a waterproof suit, **with names on please!**



Your child should also bring a named bottle of water to school. No fizzy drinks allowed.



### Spare clothes

Please could you ensure your child has a small bag of spare clothes in case of accidents (including messy play!) This can remain in school on your child's peg. If you have any items of clothing that you no longer need, we will always welcome donations. Thank you!

Reception will have PE on Mondays. They should come to school in PE kit on this day.

#### Nursery session times:

Morning session - 8:30am-11:30am

Afternoon session - 12:10pm-3:10pm

30 Hours session - 9:00am-3:10pm

#### Reception timings:

Door opens at 8:40am.

Our learning begins at 9:10am. If your child arrives after this time, they are missing learning time.

School finishes at 3:20pm.

### Maths

#### **Nursery:**

Children will learn lots of number songs & rhymes and be encouraged to join in. Children will be focussing on numerals to 5, the composition of numbers and counting.

They will also begin to look at measures, height and length, mass and capacity.

#### **Reception:**

Children will be looking at the composition of numbers to 5 and comparing groups of numbers. They will learn about the numbers 6-10 and practise combining 2 groups and adding more. They will look at ordering numbers to 10 and counting backwards.

Children will also learn about capacity, measuring ingredients, measuring and comparing height and measuring time.



We use Evidence Me to record your child's learning in school. You can access this online or by downloading the app from the Google Play or the App store and signing up via the link we send you.

Every Monday, you will receive a weekly update with key information for the week and any observations of your child from the previous week.

Don't forget... You can add photo/video observations to your child's learning journey using Evidence Me. We love to see the experiences the children have outside of school!

Please make sure you are signed up! Speak to a member of the Early Years team if you are having any difficulties.