

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely Easter despite the rain!

This half term our topic is called 'Where do we live?' We will learn about our local community, compare different houses and think about how the village has changed over time. We will also begin to learn about maps and how they are used. We will hopefully go for a walk around the village to support our learning later on in the half term. As in previous terms our learning will be based around a range of stories including Martha Maps it out, A place called home and Peepo.

Staff: Mrs Cawthray will continue to teach on a Thursday morning to cover my PPA time. We are also joined this term by Miss House who is a student teacher on placement with us, we are all excited to welcome her into our class.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop the children's gross and fine motor skills daily through a range of fun activities, including riding bikes and scooters.

PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday and dance on Thursday, please continue with the same arrangements for kit as last term.

We will continue to go to woodlands for Forest School on alternate Friday afternoons, commencing on **Friday 12th April**, please ensure children have suitable clothes and wellies.

Reception

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Phonics and Reading

We continue with our daily phonics lessons. This term we progress to phase 4 sounds which involves reading longer words and lots of new tricky (non-decodable) words. During our phonics lessons the children read and write daily.

Children read at least 3 times each week to an adult in school. They will also be provided with an ebook to read at home linked directly to the Little Wandle scheme. This is usually added to the online account on a Friday. Reading at home is very important and we are able to monitor who reads at home and how long they spend reading each book to support your child's learning. Sharing stories will also continue to be sent home.

The phonic homework sheet will continue to be sent home each Friday, this ensures you are aware of the words and sentences the children are learning to read and write in school. It is helpful if they could practice reading and writing some of these at home too. I will also add on to tapestry a further activity each week which is purely optional. This will be a mixture of maths and literacy activities. Use the link below for further information on phonics and reading.

[For parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

Maths

This term we will focus on securing children's understanding of numbers within 10 including composition of numbers to 10, double facts and odd and even numbers. We will further explore patterns in the number systems. The children have been exposed to larger numbers through daily routines but we will also begin to explore numbers to 20.

We use various methods for calculations such as using part whole models and ten frames. This term we will introduce number sentences and stories with + - and = symbols.

PSED

Children will have one jigsaw session per week to teach aspects of personal, social and emotional development. This term our themes are 'relationships' and 'changing me'.

Snack

Children should have a named water bottle every day, we will happily fill up the water bottle once it is empty if required. Please only send water.

Children are offered a fruit snack in the morning (most choose this), if you wish to send an additional **small** snack please ensure it is healthy, (e.g. cracker, fruit, raisins) and **MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS**. The children have just 10 minutes for snack time and they have their lunch at 11.55—they do not need a lot of snack.



General Notices

Thank you for your contributions on tapestry, the children always enjoy sharing their experiences and this is a great opportunity to develop listening and communication skills.

Please remember to send reading record books / sharing stories and homework in on a Thursday or Friday.

Hopefully the weather will improve and we can spend more time outside please send a jacket each day in case of showers.

When the weather gets warmer please apply sun cream at home and send a named sun hat, though we do have some in school.

Due to a change in circumstances we will not be swimming this term. The children have many opportunities to experience different sports and activities especially in the summer term.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Braham

