



Newsletter Term Four

Updates and reminders

Welcome back to Term 4 of this academic year. We hope you have had a wonderful half term break and look forward to teaching your child in the run up to Easter!

Outdoor Learning will continue through Term 4 with Chestnuts Class every Tuesday and Hazelnuts Class every Wednesday. Please continue to ensure your child has kit for Outdoor Learning.

We have an educational visit planned for Term 4. Please look out for the letter and return the consent form with the contribution promptly.

Dates for the Diary

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| INSET day | 19.02.18 |
| First day of Term 4 | 20.02.18 |
| World Book Day | 01.03.18 |
| Educational visit to Middle Farm | 06.03.18 |
| INSET Day | 14.03.18 |
| Celebration Afternoon | 28.03.18 |
| Last day of Term 4 | 29.03.18 |

Learning Journey

Letters and Sounds

Through Year 1, Letters and Sounds is a high priority as your child grows in confidence and fluency in their reading and writing. The children will be learning to recognise the alternative pronunciations of the graphemes they have learnt for example the grapheme 'ow' can be pronounced /ow/ as in cow and /oa/ as in snow.

Please continue to use the weekly reading and writing word bank to support your child to practice and consolidate their learning.

English

In English we use Talk4Writing to build your child's confidence in speaking, listening, read and writing.

The text the children will learn is this term is The Enormous Turnip. We will share this text with you via Parent Mail so that you can support your child to learn and retell the story.

Once the children know the story, they will make changes to write their own story. Through this, they will learn different skills, such as using capital letters and full stops to demarcate sentences, using the pre-fixe 'un' and the suffix 'ed', making singular words plural by adding 's' and 'es' and using exclamation marks.

Maths

In Maths, the children will learn new concepts through using a range of practical resources, pictures and other representations.

This term the children will be learning to compare, describe and solve practical problems for lengths and heights for example, long/short, longer/shorter, tall/short and double/half. The children will also be learning to measure and begin to record lengths to heights.

They will be learning to solve one step problems involving multiplication and division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher.

Learning Journey continued

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Our Learning Journey topic this term is called 'Let it Grow!' and is all about plants!

The children will learn about different plants and will begin the term by each planting their own seed at school to observe it grow over the term. They will learn to identify whether trees are evergreen or deciduous as well as identify common wild plants and flowers.

The children will also be learning about some of the different foods we can eat that come from plants and will take part in their own taste tests and investigations to find out where different food comes from.

The children will also be exploring different foods and learning about healthy foods and a balanced diets. As part of our Design and Technology lessons, the children will be designing healthy meals and creating their own in class!

Learning Provision

In the afternoons, the children will continue to have Learning and Exploring which includes access to the Role Play area, Reading Corner and the outside Area.

From the beginning of the term the children will have their own water bottles that will be regularly washed and fruit will be provided during morning break time instead of a snack bar.