

Spring 1 Newsletter 2026

Happy New Year!

This half term, we are learning about toys through time, focusing on how toys have changed from the past to the present day. We will also develop our knowledge of materials, thinking about their suitability and how we can group them based on their properties.

Reading and Phonics

We are continuing to learn a new Phase 5 sound each week. These are usually alternative ways of writing the vowel digraphs that the children learned in Reception.

Please continue to read the books with your children as often as you can. They will also bring home a library “reading for pleasure” book each week.

After half term, we will hold another parents’ evening to meet with you and discuss your child’s individual progress.

Numbots and Spelling Shed

Your child’s Numbots and Spelling Shed login details are at the front of their reading record. They can use these to enjoy fun online Maths and Spelling games that help develop their skills and confidence.

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If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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DATES FOR DIARY

- PE days are Tuesday and Fridays
- Monday 5th January – first day of Spring term
- Wednesday 28th January – Inset Day
- Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th February – parents’ evening.
- Thursday 12th February – Milestones museum trip
- Monday 16th – Friday 20th February : Half Term.



History

We are learning about the history of toys, exploring the materials they were made from in the past and today, developing our questioning skills, and discovering how toys have changed over time.

This Half Term our Topics are:

Toys through Time and Materials



Science

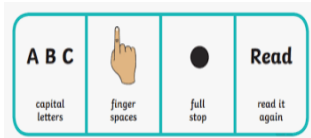
We will be:

- Naming and identify materials
- Grouping materials by their properties
- Investigating the suitability of materials

English

We have a class book every few weeks to base our learning around. These link to our topic.

- We will learn to read and write the Phase 5 sounds and associated Tricky Words.
- We will continue to read books that match the sounds we have been taught to practise and consolidate our reading skills.
- We will continue to apply our sounds in our writing. We will also begin to identify which spelling is needed when there is more than one possible GPC.
- We are learning to use capital letters and full stops.



PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about keeping ourselves safe and who to talk to if we are worried.

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Design and Technology

We will design and make our own egg box dragons, learning about structures and how to build them so they can stand on their own.



Maths

This half term, we will be learning about:

- Place value (within 20): understanding numbers, tens and ones, and how to represent them in different ways.
- Addition and subtraction (within 20): solving problems by adding and taking away, using practical objects and number sentences.
- Place value within 50: starting to explore larger numbers, understanding how numbers are made of tens and ones, and learning to count, read, and write them.



PE

Target games – throwing overarm and underarm at a target while learning to attack and defend.

Gymnastics – exploring different levels, directions, and shapes while travelling.

Computing

We will learn how to stay safe online and protect ourselves when using the internet.

RE

In RE, we will learn about the Jewish celebration of Shabbat, exploring the special traditions, prayers, songs, and foods, and finding out how Jewish people spend their holy day of rest with family and friends.



Music

Exploring dynamics, noticing how sounds can be loud or quiet, and discovering how different sounds and music connect to the world around us