



Early Years Foundation Stage



Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back, we hope that you have had a lovely Winter break. We have some fantastic learning opportunities this term that we look forward to sharing with you!

Learning Focus

Traditional Tales

One of our topics this term will be learning about a range of traditional and cultural tales. We will explore a variety of texts to engage children in stories and story-telling. This will involve enrichment experiences, linked to the stories, such as: building a bridge for the Billy Goats, testing materials for the pig's houses, baking gingerbread people, planting bean seeds, and much more!



People Who Help Us

We will continue to develop our understanding of people who help us within our community. Children will be able to meet a range of professionals through visits from paramedics, PCSO and firefighters. They will have opportunities to learn first aid skills, dental hygiene, and different professions will be a big focus in our role play areas of provision.

Around The World

We will also spend some time this term learning about different communities, environments and habitats around the world. We will recognise how life can be very different in other countries (such as weather and traditions), but also focus on similarities that bring us all together. We will look at different animals and their habitats and explore seasonal changes within our own locality.



Reading Books

All pupils will have the opportunity to borrow a school book to share and enjoy with their grown ups and siblings at home. Please use the Boom Read app to record when you share books with your child. During this term, some children will be developing their phonological awareness to be able to read CVC words within their own reading books, with support. Children will also occasionally visit the Stanford Library and bring books home that can be read to them.

Hook Day—Superheroes!



We will have a special 'Hook Day' to kick-start our topic about 'People Who Help Us', with a special **superhero** themed day. Children are invited to either dress as their favourite superhero character, a superhero they've made up, or a *real* superhero (such as a nurse or vet). This will be on **Friday 6th January**.



School Trip

We have booked a trip to 'Play Avenue' in Scunthorpe for Thursday 2nd February. This is an excellent venue where children can role play in a variety of scenarios. Take a peek at their website: <https://www.playavenue.co.uk/whats-inside/>

This is an excellent opportunity for children to develop being imaginative and expressive, which is a key element of the Early Learning Goals.

Key Dates

- Friday 6th January—Superhero Hook Day
- Friday 20th January—Parent invite: Phonics and Early Maths Workshop
- Thursday 2nd February—Play Avenue Trip
- Wednesday 8th February—Parent invite: Foundation Learning Share
- Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day

PE

Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit, clearly **named**. Also make sure that long hair is tied back and earrings are removed. Drawstring bags may be left in the cloakroom throughout the week/term. **No rucksacks please as we are very limited with space.**

Home Learning

Home Learning activities are in your child's home learning book. Home learning can be handed into the basket on any day, however they are checked each **Thursday**. Children are expected to **read to an adult a minimum of 3 times per week** and record this on the Boom Read app. Children are rewarded for their reading on this app. We also ask that **spelling shed** is used each week please as phonics games will help consolidate school learning and develop word-reading skills.

School Web-Site

We like to keep everyone informed of what is happening in our school, so we ensure photos, blogs and work are sent to our school web site weekly. Please keep checking our web-site & blog page.

Mr Middleton, Mrs Smith, Miss Purshouse, Mrs Groves & Miss Hoad

