



Hilderthorpe Reception Newsletter

Spring Two



This Half Term

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break, we are very excited for the half term ahead!

This half term our topic is 'In The Garden'.

Our core text is a lovely fiction story called The Extraordinary Gardener, where a child called Joe gets growing! We too shall be exploring planting and growing this half term.

We love to read and share books every day in school. We will be exploring language rich, exciting texts with the children, including: What The Ladybird Heard, The Bad Tempered Ladybird, Whatever Next, Jack and The Beanstalk, SuperTato and The Easter Story. We will be exploring a range of fiction and nonfiction texts learning all about Easter. We are looking forward to celebrating National World Book Day on Thursday 6th March and dressing up as our favourite characters or coming to school in pyjamas! On the 21st of March we also look forward to celebrating 40 years of comic relief by dressing 'red to toe'!

We will be experiencing many fun Easter activities which will include craft activities, egg rolling competitions and even an Easter bonnet parade!

Children will continue to develop and make progress in their early literacy skills through our daily phonics sessions using our scheme- Read Write Inc. You can find more information about our phonics programme at www.ruthmiskin.com/en/ and click on the parents tab, here you will find lots of useful information on how you can support your child's learning at home. Please practise speed sounds and blending daily using the green and/or yellow sound books in your child's book bag alongside their blending and reading books.

We are developing our writing skills and many children are now writing simple sentences using their phonic knowledge to sound out words for spelling. We write for a range of purposes such as creating lists, making maps, writing speech bubbles and describing what we can see.

We will be continuing to develop our maths skills using Maths No Problem and Mastering Number. These are fun and exciting ways of learning which include lots of stories and activities. This half term we are focusing upon counting, patterns, measuring lengths and heights alongside exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

Term Dates

School closes for the next break on Friday 4th of April

School reopens on Tuesday 22nd of April

Warm and named clothing

We like to spend time learning outdoors and access our outdoor environment in all weathers.

Reading at home

Please share stories with your child and read their school reading book with them at least 3 times a week.

Please can all children ensure they have a set of spare clothes, a waterproof coat and a pair of named wellies.

Please name any hats and gloves, along with any other clothing to ensure things do not get lost.

Every time your child gets a home read signed by you in their reading record they receive a dojo allowing them to work towards receiving a prize from the prize shop.

As always our classroom doors are always open to you and we are always available to talk should you have any issues or questions.

Reminders

- PE day will continue to be on Monday- children should come to school in their PE kit every Thursday, trainers should be worn, no crocs or ugs.
- Book bags should be in school every day to allow reading and changing as required, thank you.
- If your child borrows clothes from school please can you return them as we are running low on supplies of spare clothing/underwear. With this in mind- we would welcome any donations of spare clothing.

