



Show and Tell...

Each week one child has the opportunity to bring in and talk about an item or photograph of something important to them. We kindly ask that you discourage your child from bringing a toy in to talk about.

Home Learning...

We encourage your child to continue completing the activities in their yellow book. Phonics homework will continue to be sent out each Friday and is due back in on the following Thursday.

Uniform, PE kits and water bottles ...

We expect the children to be in full school uniform at all times.

PE kits are expected to be in school each day and only taken home at half terms. **Earrings must be removed before school on Mondays for PE.**

Every child needs to bring a water bottle into school to ensure they stay hydrated all day. Water bottles are kept in the classroom and they must contain water. Lunchtime juice or milkshake can be purchased at the cost of 30p or 55p. Please send the money in a named envelope.

Dates for your diary ...

Gruffalo's reading stars will be held on 9th January, 6th February and 6th March .

Library visits- 12th January, 9th February and 9th March

Willow Class Assembly- 28th March

Museum visit- Date TBC



Long Long Ago



Dinosaurs



Homes in the past

Reception

Spring Term



Welcome back and Happy New Year. We are really pleased with how all of the children have settled in to reception and we had an enjoyable start to the academic year, learning lots during our topic 'Knowing me, knowing you'.

We thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education. We have lots of exciting things planned for this coming term so it is important that your child is in school and on time every day.

Reception Team...

Mrs Parker (Beech Class Teacher and Phase Leader)

Mrs Higgins (Willow Class Teacher)

Mrs Aziz (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Allen (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Waldron (Support staff)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.
The happiness of your child is very important to us all.

Our Topic...

We have two themes for our Spring term topic. This half term the topic is 'Dinosaurs'. We will be learning facts about different types of dinosaurs and how to look after one. After half term we will be exploring 'homes in the past'. During this part of the topic we will be comparing our lives today with those in the past. One of our focuses will be 'toys-past and present.'



Literacy...

This term in Literacy we will be reading a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Our author study for this term is Jez Alborough. We will be reading a selection of his books including 'Super Duck' and 'Some Dogs Do'. We will continue to visit the library once a month for a story session.

We will be extending writing opportunities this term including writing a dinosaur fact file and sentences in different contexts.

Maths...

In Maths we will be continuing to develop the children's knowledge of the number system through addition, subtraction and money. We will be starting to look at size and time.

Understanding the World...

We will be exploring real life opportunities including examining dinosaur fossils and visiting a museum to find out more about toys in the past.

The children will have the opportunity to explore floating and sinking and properties of different materials.

Expressive Arts and Design...

The children will have the opportunity to learn how to use a range of tools and media and develop their skills to explore colour mixing and malleable materials.

Alongside these areas of learning the children will continue to develop the prime areas of personal, social and emotional development, communication and language and physical development through their play and taught sessions. We will be focusing on showing co-operation, honesty and courage.