



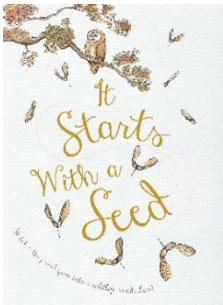
Spring 2 Newsletter

Year 2



Welcome back. We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable half term break. We have outlined the outcomes for the next half term below.

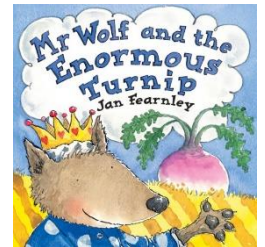
English



Our first focus text this half term is the poetry book *'It Starts with a Seed'*. Later we will read *'Mr Wolf and the Enormous Turnip.'*

Through our focus book *'It Starts with a Seed'* we will be learning and performing poetry before making pinned, spinning life cycles of an apple tree and then writing a non-chronological report about plants.

'Mr Wolf and the Enormous Turnip' focuses on a variety of traditional fairy tales, told in a different way. For example: 'Get some rest Sleeping Beauty!' and 'Snow White and the very angry Dwarf.' The children will be writing a diary entry from the point of view of one of the characters and re-writing a traditional tale themselves, with a few fun tweaks!



Teach Handwriting



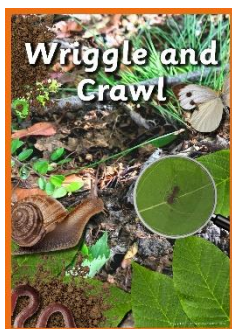
We are placing more emphasis on handwriting and presentation this term. We will continue to do handwriting sessions but will be looking more towards joins in their writing across all their lessons. If you want to see some of the handwriting resources, they are freely available at teachhandwriting.co.uk

Maths

This half term we will be learning about money. We will be ordering, making amounts and solving problems linked to money. The children will be reading their own questions and deciding between subtraction and addition to solve the problems. We will also be re-visiting the use of the bar model to help visualise and understand maths questions.



Living Things



In this topic we will be looking at 'offspring' and what this means as well as the lifecycles of various animals and insects. We are very excited to be inspiring the children's learning by hatching some chicks and butterfly eggs. We will have them in our classrooms to make observations over time. We'll also head to our forest area to identify minibeasts in their natural habitat. Heading out into the local area, we'll explore trees and bushes to see what lives there and create a minibeast habitat of our own. We'll draw delicate sketches of minibeasts, make models from a variety of materials and observe minibeasts in their habitat.

PE

Just a reminder that PE days this half term are as follows:

2A Miss Morris' Class: Tuesday (Indoor) and Wednesday (Outdoor)

2B Mrs Watts/Mrs Betts Class: Wednesday (Outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Please ensure that your child has trousers and PE jacket for their outdoor sessions.

Jigsaw PSHE

The focus this half term is called 'Healthy Me'. This piece will include discussions about being healthy, being relaxed and healthy eating.



Discovery RE

The key question this half term is, 'How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion?' We will be looking into if God is important to everyone and how different people show their belief. We will discuss if symbols are better than words at expressing religious beliefs.

Useful Websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/play/> (Login = home8972 Password = crazy8362)

<https://teachhandwriting.co.uk/cursive-joins-choice-3.html>

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Watts, Mrs Betts and Miss Morris

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Diary Dates:

21.2.24	International Mother Language Day
7.3.24	World Book Day
15.3.24	Comic Relief
19.3.24 and 21.3.24	Parent Consultations
27.3.24	End of Term