

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Spring 2 2019



Have a great February half term.

The children have loved learning about owls and other woodland animals this half term. They all loved learning the story of Owl Babies and innovating the story to tell their own version with different characters. We also celebrated Chinese New Year and learnt about the Chinese culture and began some work on pirates, creating our own pirate maps.

Foundation Team:

Foundation Area Leader - Mr Killick

Caterpillar Class Teachers - Mrs Walsh (Monday - Thursday)

Mrs Baker (Wednesday pm and Friday)

Chestnut Class Teacher - Mrs Ellis

Nursery Nurses - Miss Whitmee, Miss Eastaff and Miss Farmer

Teaching Assistant - Miss Mitchell



Important Dates

Below are the important dates for this half term. Please check texts and the school website for updates and changes.

February 2019:

Value - Love

Monday 25th - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 26th - Spring 2 begins

March 2019:

Value - Cooperation

Thursday 7th - World Book Day

Thursday 28th - Mother's Day Celebration from 2pm

April 2019:

Value - Positivity

Thursday 4th - Fabulous Finish at 2pm

Friday 5th - Last Day of Term

Easter Holidays:

Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April

School Opens - Tuesday 23rd April

Owl Visit:

Thank you to the parents who contributed to the owl visit we had at the beginning of this half term. The children absolutely loved learning about the animals and really kick started the topic on Owl Babies.



School Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to free milk at school. Once your child turns 5 you can pay for them to continue to receive milk.

In order for your child to receive milk each day you must register using the following link:



<http://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>



English:

For English we will be focusing on Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. Children will arrive to school where a thief has been into school and caused havoc in the Foundation classrooms. The children will use clues, make wanted posters and interview a suspect.

The children will use this as a stimulus about how to catch a porridge thief and write instructions. The children will then learn the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears before innovating to write their own version by changing the characters.



Maths:

The children are going to be focusing on the numbers 10-20. They are going to be looking at representing numbers using a range of manipulatives.

The children will be finding one more and one less than teen numbers and begin adding and subtracting by counting on and counting back.

Towards then end of half term, we will be focusing on shape, naming 2D and 3D shapes, and describing them using words such as vertices, edges and faces.



PE

From Spring 2, children should come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. This is to increase the time children are spent in the actual PE lesson.

Chestnut Class have PE on Mondays.

Caterpillar Class have PE on Wednesdays

Correct PE kit:

- * White t-shirt
- * Navy blue shorts
- * Navy jogging bottoms
- * Navy sweatshirt/hoodie for when it is cold outside

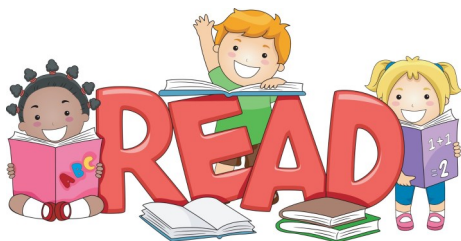


Reading in Foundation

We continue to promote reading at Broughton Fields as one of those essential skills that all children need in order to support their learning in all areas of the curriculum.

At home, we continue to advise that you read to your child on a daily basis to improve their fluency and comprehension skills.

At school, the children are assessed against their 'bookmarks'. It is important that you are practising the words on their bookmarks at home and that children are able to read these words on sight. This will support the children's ability to read with fluency.



Farm Visit

On Thursday 23rd May, we will be visiting Mead Open Farm for our end of term trip.

This will be a great opportunity for children to visit a range of animals and learn about farm animals.

More information will be given regarding the trip later on in the term.

