



Reception Newsletter

Spring 2



This half term, our topic is titled '*Eggstraordinary creatures!*' Our exciting new topic will encourage the children to look closely at the natural world; discuss what they can see and talk about the changes that take place over time. Each week we will focus on a different creature that hatches as well as begin to develop our understanding of life cycles in the natural world such as chicks, butterflies and tadpoles. We will use story and rhyme to bring the topic alive.

Launch & Finale

We always like to launch our topic with an inspiring event and celebrate our learning with a finale.

Launch

We are eggstremely excited to be launching our topic with the arrival of our duck eggs. We will be watching closely to see them hatch.

Finale

In the last week of our topic we will be holding an Easter art exhibition for you to enjoy. Come and see us perform WUSU and then enjoy the amazing artwork created by EYFS.

Literacy - Parent Help Guide- Speaking to writing

In our Literacy learning this half term we will be focus on our oracy, reading and writing skills.

As Readers we will develop our knowledge of phonemes, especially the digraphs we have been taught and look for them in words when segmenting. We will practice the important keywords that we need to be able to recognise to enable our reading to become more fluent. We will answer questions about what we have read to check that we understand it.

As Writers we will develop our sentence structure using Colourful Semantics: Who, What doing, Where to enable us to say and then write a complete thought or idea. We are going to focus on writing our own captions and remember to use our phonics skills to segment each word carefully. We will apply our knowledge of keywords and include those in our captions.

Mastering Number

We are going to develop our skills of counting, ordinality and cardinality. While working with numbers to 10, the children will develop their understanding of the ordinal aspect by consolidating their understanding that each number has a value of '1 more' than the previous number. Images of the Numberblocks will be used, alongside the children's own fingers, to represent '5 and a bit' quantities, which will help to embed this key understanding.

To help support this at home we have created a [Parent Help Guide](#) with lots of ideas on activities and resources to use.

Phonics

This term we will be splitting into groups to really target the phoneme grapheme correspondences that we need to. We will be revisiting previously taught phonemes as well as learning new ones and applying these to our reading and writing.

Please also remember to practice key words with your child at home. Here is a link to some phonics games you can play on the computer too!

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>



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Topic Information

This half term we will be exploring these skills and themes:

As Scientists exploring our 5 senses and how they support us every day. We will be using these senses to observe and comment on the natural world and describing the changes over time that we can see when the eggs are hatching. We will learn about life cycles and sequence the cycles of different creatures ourselves. We will learn about the different habitats that the creatures live in and compare them to each other. We will explore different materials and whether they can float or sink.

As Theologists we are thinking about special places, that everyone has their own special place and religions have their own special buildings.

As Musicians we will be learning about our Musician of the Month and developing our musical and vocal skills in our weekly lesson.

As Artists we will develop our understanding of colour and how they can be mixed to make new colours. We will learn about the term 'primary colours' and all about the artist Monet.

Donations

Are you able to donate any of the following?

- boxes of tissues
- greetings cards
- plastic bottle tops
- tissue paper
- yoghurt pots
- Pompoms
- Buttons
- egg boxes
- cereal boxes



Please ensure all items have been washed/are clean and are from nut free products, thank you!

Our Amazon Wish List has been updated for our Topic. Please click [here](#) to find out what new resources we would be very grateful to receive

Busy Things!



As part of our weekly Carousel sessions, the children take part in a range of ICT activities which supports their knowledge and understanding of the world. We use Busy Things as a wonderful tool to help promote not only the children's ICT skills, but phonics and numeracy too. You can also access this at home using your child's LGFL email address and log-in details!

Home Learning Ideas

Please see our weekly Google Classroom updates for more ideas!

- Go for a walk in the park to explore different habitats - draw or take photos of what you find.
- Choose a creature that hatches to investigate and create a life cycle for them.
- Use the bath or sink at home to investigate floating and sinking. Make predictions before you test.

Texts we will be focussing on this half term

