



Half termly review

FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

The first Spring half term is now coming to an end and it only just seems like we are back after the Christmas holidays. In these first six weeks we have already learnt about different countries, enjoyed learning about aspirational figures, Chinese new year and Pancake day. The children have thoroughly enjoyed both musical theatre and dodgeball and the super clubs have returned after school.

Can I please remind everyone that it is expected that children should wear their school uniform school each day, unless there is a mitigating circumstance. Children are allowed to wear their school PE kit on the day which they have PE. School shoes or trainers should be black. A polite reminder that all children still need coats at school, especially with all the rain we have been having recently.

As you will have seen our new trim trail has been built but the weather has halted the process being finished, so unfortunately it will not be opened to the children until the safety certificate has been completed.

Next half term we have World book day to look forward to on the 7th March. Children can come dressed as their favourite book character, please do not spend lots of money, see what you can make at home.

We also have parents evening next term, more details about booking will be sent out but they will be held on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March. Please make sure you have logged in to the School Spider App so you can book on to see your child's Teacher.

Have a lovely half term and we will see you back at school on Monday 26th February.

Mrs Jo Orbell

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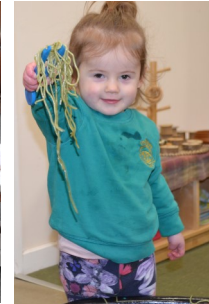
Overview Of Nursery This Term

SPIDERS (AM).

This term we have welcomed five more friends into our morning session, they have settled really well and our existing Spiders have done a wonderful job in making them feel welcome and help teach them our routine.

We have been exploring the theme "under the sea" and have looked at three core books, "Peekaboo, under the sea" "There's a shark out there" and "The seashore". We have been focussing on a few sea creatures; Shark, crab, starfish, fish, turtle and dolphin. The children have loved labelling the animals and playing our "Kims game" which helps to develop their memory skills. The children have really loved exploring the sea animals in different textures and media, we have had water, jelly, custard and pom, poms. We have made our own jellyfish, turtles and fish exploring paint and collage materials.

We have looked at chinese new year exploring the lucky colour red and had ago at making pancakes for pancake day, which most of us liked.



SPIDERS (PM).

Our afternoon children from the Spiders group are settling in very well. They happily explore both indoor and outdoor environments, choosing activities and resources they enjoy. We have started learning two songs: "Hello" and "Goodbye," and we are using objects and visuals to help children understand our routine. During playtime, we are learning how to share toys, and we are practicing one of our favourite games: passing a ball around the circle. Most of the children enjoy one of our core books, "Where is Spot?" We recently had the opportunity to help mix ingredients together to make pancakes, and then we all enjoyed eating them together. We love to see our children happily engaged.



Overview Of Nursery This Term continued...

This term in main nursery we have been learning about our topic "Under the Sea". The children have enjoyed learning about the different types of creatures that live under the sea using our story "Commotion in the Ocean." We have been learning about the different features of sea creatures such as which of them have a shell, fins or sharp pointy teeth. We watched a video of what life under the sea would look like and how it was different from where we live. We also looked at a real fish and tasted yummy tuna sandwiches. We have also been learning about Chinese New Year and Pancake day.



Overview of Reception This Term

This half term has been great fun, we started the Spring term learning all about a different country called Italy throughout our Global community week and compared it to Fishermead. We learned different dances, we tasted different Italian food and also learnt some Italian words. Our learning then moved onto 'Under the Sea', where we have learned a lot about fish and what the sea is. We learnt the sea is very salty and big and some sea creatures have not been discovered yet, so we thought we would create what might be found, our own sea creatures were inspired by a story book, some of the creatures for example lobguin and narster. Can you guess what sea creatures inspired these names? To learn all about different parts of a fish Miss Hawkins brought in a fish from the corner fish market and it was very smelly. If we wanted to we could touch or hold the fish afterwards we labelled the fish. We also know that sharks are fish and have learnt some facts about them. This term in Literacy we have also worked very hard writing our own describing poems inspired by the book, Hooray Fish, using new words to describe our own fish.

In maths we have been learning about 6, 7 and 8 and all different ways to make them. We have also been trying really hard to remember the number bonds to 5, as well as some doubling all in practical fun ways. Hedgehog team would like to thank all the parents that have been coming in on a Friday morning 8:35-8:55 helping their child with maths, it has been wonderful to see you.

Overview of Reception This Term continued

Throughout P.E we have been learning different dances to nursery rhymes and adapting these dances to different emotions and different animals from under the sea. This term we have had lots of heavy rain, which has made outdoor very fun! We have got wellies and wetsuits to help protect our clothes, but sometimes we have so much fun we get wet through these, please can you make sure your child has spare clothes on their peg. This can be in a carrier bag and doesn't need to be uniform.

Our last week ended with pancake day, they were extremely tasty! We mixed the batter following instructions, and attempted to write our own instructions. We watched them being cooked and flipped and chose our own toppings, all pictures are on tapestry. If you need help with tapestry, please come and talk to Miss Hawkins at the end of the day and she can help you.



Overview of KS1 This Term

KS1 started the term looking at different countries. Rabbits learned about Ghana, Squirrels learned about Algeria and Owls learned about Bangladesh. We learned about their local cuisines, where they are located, and finding out fun facts to do with each countries.

Our first topic 'Zero to Hero' focused on different people across history. We learned about Michael Jordan, Malala Yousufzai and Thomas Edison. We found out why they are historically important and facts about their lives. They all have achieved different things, some personal and some have had a huge impact on our lives. We now know what a timeline is and how to put information in chronological order. Over the year we will continue our timeline with different facts.

Overview of KS1 This Term continued...

We focused on Thomas Edison's achievements to learn about light and light sources. The children loved when we had a fire in the playground. Obviously, learning about fire safety first. We learned what circuits are and how to power a light bulb.

We learned how to search information safely on a Chromebook and pick out key information with support.

In English we created stories about Mickey Mouse, using 'The Sorcerer's Apprentice' as the hook. They focused on what Mickey could do with the magical hat. Using adjectives, expanded noun phrases and much more to develop their writing.

In maths there has been a big focus on numbers. Some children have been focusing on numbers and place value to 20. Ordering and writing number bonds and learning about commutative facts. There has also been a focus on multiplication and division for some children. Looking at grouping objects, arrays, and repeated addition.

It has been a very busy term and the children will be ready for rest at half term.

Overview of Foxes This Term

Foxes have had an amazing time having an 'under the sea adventure'. We have been looking at naming the different creatures you can find under the sea and have been talking about their different characteristics.

Foxes have also worked hard to make their own creatures. We have been using a range of resources, including; Duplo, painting, colouring, play dough and junk modelling. We have been persevering with our scissor skills and have been practicing our own mark making.

We have been learning a few new songs and the children have often asked to practice their favorites. 'If you're happy and you know it' is the current winner. The children have also enjoyed exploring the musical instruments.

We have all had a busy, but very fun half term.



REMINDERS AND UPDATES

SUPER CLUBS

We will have some new SUPER CLUBS available to book after half term. Pizzeria Club, Feeling Zen Club and Club de Galletas. We will also be having a Easter Film Club so please keep an eye on School Spider in the week after the half term for more information.

As the half term is short we will not be having any of our normal termly clubs, but remember you can always book onto 3-2-6 club via School Spider as that is available every day.

Keep an eye out in case we are able to offer any further 'SUPER CLUBS.'

Diary Dates

Every Tuesday	8:35am – 8:45am	Morning Task with parents/carers
Every Friday	8:35am – 8:55am	(Rabbits, Owls, Squirrels and Hedgehog Class)
HALF TERM – MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY		
Monday 26 th February	ALL DAY	BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 27 th February	3:15pm – 4:15pm	SUPER CLUB – Ninja Ready <u>Places to be booked via School Spider.</u>
Thursday 7 th March	ALL DAY	World Book Day

Attendance

Half Termly Attendance Spring 2024			
Year	Class Name	% Week Commencing 5th February Attendance	% Half termly Attendance
Rec.	Hedgehogs	89.1%	90.4%
KS1	Squirrels	95.5%	89.7%
KS1	Rabbits	94.8%	95.7%
KS1	Owls	92.4%	93.8%
Rec. & KS1	Foxes	94.1%	85.7%
Total attendance		92.7%	91.8%

Well done **Squirrels** with an attendance of **95.5** for the week beginning **5th February**

Well done **Rabbits** with an attendance of **95.7%** for half the term

Did you Know: Lateness also affects your child's attendance %

FISHERMEAD FOOD PROGRAMME

JAN - MARCH 2024

MON **Breakfast Club** (MGB)
TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD 10am - 1.00pm

TUE **Lunch Club** (MGB)
TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD 12noon - 3.00pm

WED **Breakfast Club** (MGB)
TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD 10am - 1.00pm

WED **Warm Space free Soup & roll**
(Grace Church)
TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD 4.30pm - 6.30pm

THUR **Warm Space Free Breakfast**
(Action Speaks)
TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD 10.30am - 12.30pm

THUR **Dinner (free)** 7pm - 8pm
(Food Cycle)
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, FISHERMEAD

FRI **Community Café**
(Action Speaks)
10.30pm - 3pm
TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD



For information, updates or to find out about other community events scan the QR code or send a WhatsApp message or text to Ophelia on 07447 499285





**CAMPBELL PARK
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**FREE ACTIVITY PACKS FOR
FEBRUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
FOR 4-11 YEAR OLDS**

The packs contain a range of paper-based activities including colouring sheets, wordsearches, mazes, spot the differences along with some pencils, pens, crayons, and some craft items to encourage the children to be creative !

**The packs can be collected from the Parish Office,
Pencarrow Place, Fishermead (behind the
Trinity Centre) – Mon to Fri 10am – 4pm
From Tuesday 13th February**

Campbell Park Parish Council have organised their free school holiday Activity Packs which are available from 13th February. These can be collected from the Campbell Park Community Council office in Fishermead (while stock lasts).

They also have a variety of Warm Welcome sessions running through the school holiday. More information can be found on their website

<https://www.campbell-park.gov.uk/warm-spaces/>