



# Half termly review

8TH APRIL 2022

## Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another term I would like to start by saying a few THANK YOUS. Thank you for your continued support when we have had staff off and thank you to all who booked their parents meetings via the app and attended. It is always so lovely to share the achievements of your children with you.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone who has made a Easter bonnet at home for our Easter parade. They all look so amazing and we hope you had fun making them together. Thank you for reading at home with your children. We hope you are enjoying the books we are sending home with your child in their book bags.

Last of all we would like to thank you for your continued support in helping us move towards becoming a paperless school. Next term you will hear more about how the School Spider app will be supporting us move towards being a cashless school as more clubs will be available to book online including breakfast and 326 club.

The term has been peppered with lots of amazing learning as you will know already from all our weekly bulletins, the website and Facebook page. We have particularly enjoyed learning about The Great Barrier Reef, the sketching of real flowers, caring for new born chicks, wearing red for Comic Relief and finishing off with our Easter egg hunts.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter holidays and look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Take care

Mrs Jo Orbell  
Headteacher

## Overview Of Nursery This Term

"Who has been sitting on my chair"?

Nursery have had a fun and busy half term and have particularly enjoyed learning about Goldilocks and the three bears. We have been fully engaged in exciting activities, such as; retelling the story using puppets, learning about sizes, painting the characters, making play dough bears, learning how to draw a bear using 2D shapes and singing along to a new song all about Goldilocks and the bears.

We have also had the exciting opportunity to watch chicks hatching from their eggs. We spoke about the use of an incubator and we observed how the chicks changed. We loved having these special visitors.

We ended by looking at Spring and the changes this season brings. We have started exploring the plants and flowers outside and have enjoyed learning about baby animals. We will continue this after the holidays and would love any pictures your children might want to create or please upload any Spring photos to Tapestry to share with us. Have a lovely holiday Nursery!



## Overview of Reception This Term

In reception we have been hands-on learning about how things grow. We learnt a lot about plants, including the parts of a plant, what they need to grow and how to grow them. We planted sunflowers and herbs and hopefully the sunflowers are growing nicely at home.

We had our friend Ted come back from his travels to learn about pancake day. We even tried some pancakes and they were yummy.

We were very lucky to have some fluffy visitors come and join us. We learnt about how chicks grow and saw them hatch from their eggs. To finish off the term we learnt about Easter and why it is celebrated by Christians.

We have had a great half term and look forward to the summer term.

## Overview of KS1 This Term

The Rabbits in the Meadow have loved learning all about under the sea this half term. We have learnt about the great barrier reef off the coast of Australia and the rock pools around the coast of the UK. We have learnt new vocabulary and facts about the creatures that live under the sea. We have explored rhyming texts and written simple sentences using the sounds we know.

In phonics we continue to learn phase 3 sounds in particular digraphs; not one but two letters that make up a spelling like ai igh oa etc. In Maths we continue to consolidate our addition and subtraction within 10. We have also developed our positional language and measured using non standard units.

We continue to be kind to each other and share and take turns.



## Overview of KS1 This Term Continued...

This half term we have continued with our topic of Australia, our focus has shifted from the Daintree Rainforest to the Great Barrier Reef. We designed and created our dioramas after researching the sea life amongst the Coral Reef. We have also looked at the culture of Aboriginal people. We have learnt about some of their creation stories and written some ourselves, such as Tiddalick the Frog and How the Birds Got Their Colours. The children really enjoyed reading and re-telling these stories. We have looked at different Aboriginal arts and symbols and created our own.

This term we have seen a transition to a new reading and phonics scheme which will support the children with reading and writing at their level. Some children have been learning how to measure and compare length in their maths lessons. Other children have been learning how to apply multiplication skills in order to solve division problems and have started their lessons on fractions.

As always spend time reading with your child(ren) at home, it is extremely important.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Diary dates

Tuesday 26th April	8:50am	Children return to School
Monday 9th May	3:00pm — 4:00pm	<b>Reception Football Club</b> 3 week After School Club (Places to be pre-booked on School Spider)
Thursday 28th April	3:00pm — 4:00pm	<b>KS1 Make, Build Create Club</b> 5 week After School Club (Places to be pre-booked on School Spider)
Tuesday 3rd May	9:00am—9:30am OR 2:20pm—2:50pm	<b>Reception Parents Math Workshop</b> (To be pre-booked on School Spider)

## Attendance

Half Termly Attendance Summer 1 2022			
Year	Class Name	% Week Commencing 28th March Attendance	% Half termly Attendance
Rec.	Badgers	96.4%	96.3%
Rec.	Hedgehogs	88.3%	91.7%
KS1	Squirrels	95.6%	96.8%
KS1	Rabbits	92.6%	92.1%
KS1	Owls	98.4%	97.6%
<b>Total attendance</b>		<b>94.3%</b>	<b>94.9%</b>

Well done **Owls** with an attendance of **98.4%** for the week beginning **28th March**

Well done **Squirrels** with an attendance of **94.9%** for half the term

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

## REMINDERS AND UPDATES

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have opened bookings for the Summer Terms After School Clubs **via the School Spider App**. These are available on a first come first served basis as there are limited number of spaces available.

### RECEPTION PARENTS MATHS WORKSHOP

You would have received a notification from School Spider to sign up for our **free** parents math workshop. There will be 2 sessions available, a morning OR an afternoon session. This is a great opportunity to come and see how your child is being taught Maths at School and learn ways to help them at home. If you would like to attend please add the session you would like into the basket and complete the check out process even though it is free via School Spider to let us know if you wish to attend.

### COVID VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN

With the Easter holidays starting next week why not think about booking your child's COVID vaccination?

Healthy 5 to 11 year olds will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine from the beginning of April. Vaccinations will take place outside of school, in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GP surgeries and walk-in centres.

For 5 to 11 year old and 12 to 15 year old vaccinations, you can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#), at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) without needing an appointment.

### HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

- The Parks Trust run a lot of activities all over Milton Keynes. <https://www.theparkstrust.com/activities/>
- Willen Hospice is hosting its popular Teddy Bear Hunt again at Willen Lake this year between 4th – 18th April, and this time it's 'On Safari!'.
- Campbell Park Parish have some free Activity Packs for children aged 4-11 yrs, to be enjoyed during the Easter school holiday.