



# 2021 Spring Two Newsletter

Welcome to our Spring Two Newsletter! We are really looking forward to all of the children returning to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and with the 21<sup>st</sup> June in sight, we will continue to follow the guidance to hopefully get back to a sense of normality. Hopefully you have read our letter about reopening so you have all of the information that you need, but should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of the school team.

*Mrs Nicole Bramwell  
Head of School*



## Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Angela Chilton is our new Interim Assistant Headteacher in charge of teaching and learning across the school! Mrs Chilton has worked in the school for many years, most recently leading key stage two. Mrs Chilton will continue to teach in year 4 as part of her new role.



## Virtual School

We have loved hearing about what you have got up to during Remote Learning and for two of our community that involved a YouTube channel!

**Cooking With The Little Cooks** follows Oliver (year 1) and Isla (reception) Cook as they make various tasty recipes (with the help of mum!)

## After-School Sports Clubs

We are hoping to start our after-school sports clubs after the Easter break. Further information will be communicated towards the end of this term.



## School Lunches

We have a new lunch provider! Lunches need to be ordered by **Thursday** for the following week. If orders have not been made by the deadline, packed lunches must be provided as spare meals will not be available, and that calls will be made home where necessary.

## Safeguarding Snippet

**DigiSafe Daily**

**Daisy & Diego's TOP TIP**  
Every day I'll be here with a top tip for you to help you stay safe.

**DigiSafe Daily**

Be Mindful, Connect, Be Active, Get Creative

Your friend said you should join the class chat but you are too young for that app. What should you do?

<https://national.lgfl.net/digisafe/digisafe-daily>

Digisafe have published a worksheet every day from the beginning of lockdown until the summer holidays to support pupils at home. Click on the link for more information about how to support your child to be safe online.

# What is happening this half term?

## Nursery

Our new topic this term is called Are eggs alive?

Chick, chick, chick, chick, chicken. Lay a little egg for me! Are eggs alive? What are buds? It's time to find out more about the things that happen in the world around us during spring.

Our phonic focus will be to develop the awareness of rhyme and rhythms. We will be completing activities such as singing nursery rhymes, thinking about our favourite rhymes, reading stories such as bear hunt or gingerbread man that have a rhythm to them, learning the Silly Soup game and doing a rhyming Bingo.

In maths we will be learning to subitise starting with 3 and building up to 4 and 5 increasing up to 10 when each number has been mastered. We will attempt to use graphic representations to record number explorations in pictures and mark making. When using construction we will look at developing the names of the simple geometric shapes. We will also have a focus on developing language of measurement by comparing size, weight, height, and time.

## Reception

This half term we will be supporting the children to deal with any worries and talking about changes. We look forward to the onset of Spring and will be spending a lot of time exploring and learning outside.

In Phonics we will be consolidating and learning new sounds as well as reading and writing with more tricky 'red words' (those that can't be phonetically sounded). We will be developing our talking and writing skills together towards becoming independent super sentence stackers!

In Maths our focus is comparing numbers to 10 and being really secure with number bonds. We will also be investigating 3D shapes and pattern.

## Year One

In English we will continue to use our phonics knowledge to form sentences independently, using capital letters and full stops.

In maths, your child will be encouraged to explore measurement in relation to length, height, weight and volume. We will be using non-standard units (for example, hand spans, paces, and paperclips) to measure lengths and heights. We will then measure lengths and heights using standard units like metres. Your child will also use non-standard units to measure mass/weight. For example, how many blocks weigh the same as this object? We will then measure objects using standard units such as grams.

For topic in Spring 2, we will be focussing on Science, Seasons, Months and Weather.

## Year Two

In Maths, we shall be revisiting 3D shape and learning to tell the time.

In English, we will be continuing our Write Stuff lessons and will be focusing on non-fiction writing.

Our topic will be 'Scented Garden' where we will be learning about plants and flowers as well as learning to draw and paint flowers.

# What is happening this half term?

## Year Three

In maths, we will learn about measure in the context of money. We will be learning how to solve word problems involving finding totals and giving change. We are then learning how to interpret data from a variety of tables, charts and graphs.

In English we are reading "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth" as a basis for learning about the genre of Instructions. We will be recognising the layout of instructional texts alongside becoming text detectives to find the key features at both word and sentence level. It is a really fun unit that links into a lot of creative work for DT and even Science where we will be creating our own compost bins – providing we can follow the instructions! Following on we will move back to fiction, with the focus being on suspense or comedy, the choice being led by teacher judgement having had a short time to assess where the children are with their independent writing when back in school.

In Topic we are building our strength and creativity to become Eco-Warriors and using our fabulous balcony and school grounds to help us to learn about Plants and how they reproduce. As always, the well-being of your child is our priority and we look forward to helping them settle back into the school-routine so that emotionally they are ready to learn.

## Year Four

In Maths the children are exploring shape! This is also known as Geometry. The children will be learning all about the properties of different shapes, both 2D and 3D. Once they have established a good understanding of a variety of shapes, we will move onto different angles and the purpose they have in geometry.

In English, we are getting stuck into a non-fiction unit called Inviting an Author into School. This will encourage the children to consider who their favourite author is and what it is they like about them and their stories. The children will be expected to write a persuasive letter to encourage their chosen author to come to visit!

In Topic, we are going back in time to continue to learn about the Roman empire and all in which they did to help us live in the world we have today. From roads, to sewage systems...we have a lot to thank them for! In Science we are continuing to investigate states of matter and how solids, liquids and gases make up everything we use and how each can change.

## Year Five

For English this half-term we are going to be looking at writing non-fiction pieces, specifically newspapers.

In maths we are going to finish developing our understanding within fractions before moving onto decimals and percentages.

Our topic for this term is focussed on the Medieval period, around the 14th century, so we shall explore topics such as castles, knights and siege warfare to name a few.

## Year Six

This half term we are improving our skills as historians. We will be considering whether historical sources can be trusted, forming opinions on the Crime and Punishment system of the Victorian era and sharing our ideas using balanced arguments.

Upon our return to school, there will be more of a science focus where we will study animals and plants.

In maths, we will continue to develop our knowledge of decimal numbers and their equivalent fractions. Our next unit 'Percentages' builds on these skills and we see how decimals, fractions and percentages can be used in different contexts. We will ensure to consolidate our skills before moving onto algebra which is always a very exciting concept for our Year 6 children.

In English, our main work this half term will be a narrative, using Kensuke's Kingdom as inspiration. We will be working on improving our descriptive techniques and using our full range of grammar and punctuation effectively.