



RECEPTION

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education"- Martin Luther King.

Welcome back! We hope you've had a lovely two week break and spent time together with family and friends! We are looking forwards to welcoming you back to school for a great spring term.

TOPIC HALF TERM ONE

		<p>This half term our topic is Animals</p> <p>The children will be exploring this topic through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reading non-fiction texts. ✓ Speaking and listening. ✓ Learning key features of animals and habitats. ✓ Exploring how to care for animals.
		<p>Some of the things we will be doing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teachers' pets coming to visit. ✓ Trip to Stonebridge City Farm. ✓ Watching live streams of local wildlife. ✓ Learn about different animal habitats.

TOPIC HALF TERM TWO

<p>This half term our topic is Our Diverse World</p> <p>The children will be exploring this topic through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learning about people and traditions from around the world. ✓ Exploring art and music. ✓ Speaking and listening <p>Some of the things we will be doing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discovering cultures and traditions from around the world. ✓ Parent talks from different family heritages. ✓ Cultural show and tells. 		

PERSONAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

	<p>This term, the children will focus on keeping safe, both indoors and outdoors. They will learn how to keep their bodies safe and healthy by finding out how to look after them by what they put inside their bodies. They will discuss people who can help to keep us safe, such as teachers and parents/carers and also spend time learning the importance of staying safe online. The children will also focus on caring for others and the environment and the impact that can have on others.</p>
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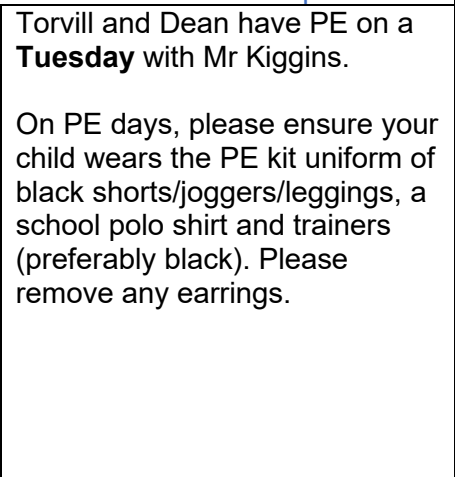
COMMUNICATION LANGUAGE AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

<p>Throughout the spring term, the children will focus on listening to information on their new topics and retaining the facts taught to build upon their prior knowledge. They will use new vocabulary to give explanations about how to care for animals and to describe the world around them, which will extend their responses and support their communication skills with others. They will also have the opportunity to listen to and respond to questions.</p>	
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MATHEMATIC DEVELOPMENT

	<p>At our school we follow White Rose Maths. This term the children will be exploring and mastering the numbers up to 10, including finding more and less, doubling numbers, odd and even numbers and number bonds to 10. They will learn about 3D shapes, including the shape names, features and exploring where to find them in the environment. The children will also learn about capacity, length, height and time and use key vocabulary to describe and compare.</p>
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

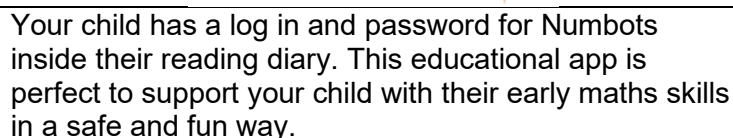


On PE days, please ensure your child wears the PE kit uniform of black shorts/joggers/leggings, a school polo shirt and trainers (preferably black). Please remove any earrings.

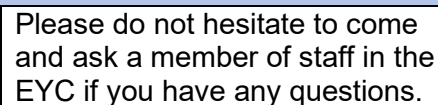
DIVERSITY CALENDAR

- World Braille day
- Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Children's mental health week
- Lunar New Year
- Start of Ramadan – Islam
- Start of lent – Christian festival
- St David's Day (Wales)
- Holi – Hindu and Sikh festival
- International Women's day
- St Patrick's Day (Ireland)
- Eid-al-Fitr (end of Ramadan) – Islam holiday
- World Autism Day
- Easter Sunday – Christian festival

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QUESTIONS AND ISSUES



A CELEBRATION OF OUR LEARNING LAST TERM



It can be from parents/carers, grandparents or any family members. Please give them to your child's class teacher and they will display them on the board.

has been a Home Super Star!!

Class _____ Date _____ From _____

HOME LEARNING



Puzzle Challenge:

The Torvill and Dean children will bring home a Puzzle Challenge every Thursday. A Puzzle Challenge is an activity to do at home that is maths related. We would like the children to complete them with you and return them to school the following week. When they return them to school, they will receive a star sticker in the back of their diary. Puzzle is the name of the squirrel that helps the children to get better at maths!

Reading Books:

Please encourage your child to read every night. Your child will now be coming home with a new practise reading book linked to their phonics phase every **Wednesday**. These will be collected in each **Tuesday**. Any reading being done at home still needs to be recorded in the reading diary. Diaries are checked daily and each book should be read 5 times a week.

It is extremely important that these books are returned ON TIME and in GOOD CONDITION as they are then used in school. Any books not returned will have a charge of £2.50 on the Arbor app.

Sharing reading books will be changed on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**.

INFORMATION

Now that the weather is getting colder, please remember to send appropriate clothing for your child to wear- as we do a lot of learning in our outdoors environment. Children should have a warm coat that can be fastened, ideally with a hood, and a hat, scarf and gloves on colder days. If you send your child to school in wellington boots, please send a pair of school shoes in a bag that they can swap into for inside learning times. We also recommend that if girls are wearing skirts or dresses that they have tights on to keep their legs warm. Please ensure all clothing items are labelled with your child's name.



DIARY DATES

HALF TERM ONE

05/01/2026 – Start of spring 1
02-06/02/2026 – Wellbeing Week
04/02/2026 – Stay and Play
06/02/2026 – NSPCC Number Day
10/02/2026 – Safer Internet Day
13/02/2026 – Last day of spring 1

HALF TERM TWO

23/02/2026 – Start of spring 2
05/03/2026 – World Book Day
05/03/2026 – Stay and Play
09-13/03/2026 – British Science Week
18/03/2026 – Parents/Carers Evening
23/03/2026 – Spring Disco (F1-Y2 4-5pm)
27/03/2026 – Last day of spring 2
13/04/2026 – First day of summer term

