



Spring 2 in Owls

With Spring approaching we have a busy term ahead. As some of the restrictions are easing the children have enjoyed taking part in whole school assemblies and breaktimes with the other classes.

Each term we will send home a brief overview of our learning and any information we would like to share with you.

Things I need in school

Your child will need:

- named water bottle filled with water only
- suitable coat that is easy to put on and fasten
- a piece of fruit if your child needs a morning snack and they are not having toast
- a small book bag (we have limited storage space)

Family learning

Reception children have been working hard completing their learning activities at home. Please return these on a Monday in the red folder.

Some activities may be assigned on Seesaw so please complete these if you can. If you would like to share any Wow moments or achievements, please do so using Seesaw.

Reading books

We will be changing reading books each Monday. Please ensure that you record books read in the diary and send in every week for us to change.

Reception children will bring home a decodable book which they will be able to decode and read as it will contain sounds your child recognises confidently. Please read this each night to develop their confidence. By the end of the week, they will hopefully be able to read it to you independently. They will also bring home a book to snuggle up and read together.

Nursery children will bring home a story book to share with a grown up. Have fun sharing it together and discussing the pictures.

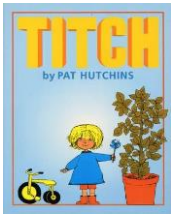
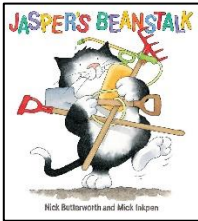
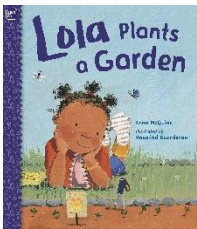
Please continue to go over sounds and words with Reception. Any new words will be sent home.

We are here!!

Please remember we are here should you need anything. Please contact us if you have questions, queries or just need to update us with things that may happen away from school. You can a message through Seesaw or email through the office office@hutchinson.staffs.sch.uk We will get back to you as soon as we can either with a message or phone call if required.

Mrs Owen & Miss Johnson


Our learning in Owls – Spring 2

Topic	Focus texts	Rationale
Watch us grow!	<p>Titch, Jaspers Beanstalk and Lola plants a Garden.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>	<p>As we start to see signs of Spring around us, we talk about how things change. We begin by looking at how we have grown and changed. We then use our chosen texts to find out how things grow and have a go at growing our own plants and flowers.</p>
Communication and Language	We will be developing our listening skills and beginning to follow instructions. We will listen and join in with regular storytime, retelling our favourite stories.	
Personal, Social and Emotional	We will continue to take turns and develop our friendships. We will be thinking about persevering and trying to work out the best ways to do things. The children will be reminded of the importance of handwashing and personal hygiene.	
RHE	<p>Theme – Friendships</p> <p>Our Relax Kids sessions this half term use a circus theme to develop and improve our relaxation and mindfulness.</p>	
Physical	This term we will be continuing to develop our fine motor skills using a range of one-handed tools including pencils, scissors and hammers. We will also be developing our gross motor movements and improving our ball skills.	
Literacy	<p>N- will be making their own marks and having a go at forming some letters and writing their own names. We will be making special cards and writing in the role play areas. We will be sharing lots of stories and rhymes.</p> <p>R – will be using their phonic knowledge to write simple words and short captions. We will be using our writing skills to write instructions, label plants and write about Easter.</p>	
Mathematics	<p>N-. We will focus on length and height. We will be using the correct vocabulary to describe and make comparisons between objects.</p> <p>R – We follow the White Rose Maths Scheme. This term we are focusing on numbers 9, 10 and up to 20. We will be comparing amounts and finding different ways to make 10. We will also be looking at 3D shapes and exploring pattern.</p>	
Understanding the World	As part of our Spring topic we will be growing beans and flowers, looking after them ourselves. We will be finding out about special events as they arise including St David's day. We might even learn a little bit of Welsh! As Easter approaches, we will share the Easter story and talk about Easter traditions.	
Expressive Arts and Design	As artists we will have a go at painting our own sunflower paintings like Van Gogh. We will also use different materials to create our own Spring pictures.	
RE	N – Our Beautiful World	

R – Why do Christians put a cross in the Easter garden?

School Value – Trust and Honesty

Things you can do at home.

Nursery	Reception
<p>Fastening your coat to keep warm.</p> <p>Having a go at writing your own name holding a pencil correctly.</p> <p>Making big marks using chalks or wet paintbrushes.</p> <p>Can you draw some giant shapes?</p> <p>Sharing your special books talking about what is happening.</p> <p>Using scissors to cut out simple shapes.</p> <p>Completing puzzles and playing games.</p>	<p>Learning your sounds and key words sent home.</p> <p>Writing notes and messages to your friends and family.</p> <p>Fastening your coat to keep warm.</p> <p>Quick subitising games – roll the dice, say the amount quickly.</p> <p>Quick recall of bonds to 5, then 10.</p> <p>We need 5, I have 3, how many more will I need?</p> <p>Helping tidy up and putting things away.</p>
	

Useful websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - for fun phonics games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting> - for fun maths activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks> - to consolidate our work in

Early number

White Rose APP – 1 minute maths – some super activities for subitising.