



Owls Spring 2 2023 Curriculum Overview

The year is certainly flying by! This half-term is a short, but busy one. Thank you for your support with last week's World Book Day activities. The children enjoyed sharing their spoon book characters and reading with their grown-ups in the classroom.

Please continue to check Seesaw and school bags regularly for any notices.

Reminder of things I need each day in school:

- named water bottle filled with water only
- suitable coat

Activities for Home

Thank you for completing any activities sent home with your child or set on Seesaw. These activities consolidate our learning in school and give the children the opportunity to share their learning with you at home. Please continue to support your child with these each week. Thank you.

Reading in Owls

Thank you for support in helping your child on their reading journey. Please read their decodable reading book throughout the week to help the children develop their confidence in blending and then reading words by sight. We will often send home the words from the book your child has read in school. Please remember to send books in on a Monday.

Well done to Nursery children for sharing your chosen story book at home. We hope you enjoy this special time where you can talk about the pictures and what you like about the story.

Phonics

We are continuing to progress through Level 3. Please practise the sounds sent home on the keyrings as regularly as you can. We will be assessing the children on these in the next couple of weeks. Encourage your child to also write the letter of the sound

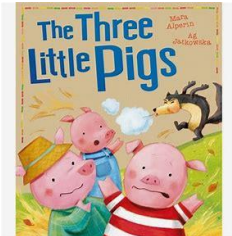
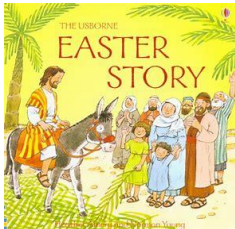
using the correct letter formation. Please refer to the Twinkl Letter Mat for the letter formation we are teaching in Reception. Thank you.

Keeping in touch

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions, queries or just need to update us with things that may happen away from school. You can message us through Seesaw or email via 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

Spring 2 – Curriculum Information

Topic	Focus Texts	Rationale
Homes and Easter	 	As we approach this time of year, we will share the Easter Story and talk about traditions associated with Easter. We will be using our chosen text 'The Three Little Pigs' to retell the story and learn about Materials and Houses.
Communication and Language	We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listening to and retelling stories using actions and repeated vocabulary.• Learning new vocabulary linked to the different celebrations and events.• Joining in with regular Storytime.	
Personal, Social and Emotional	This half term we will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning about how we keep safe on the roads.• Developing our independence in selecting our own resources.• Talking about our own work and things we have done well.• Reinforcing the importance of looking after our belongings and keeping our classroom tidy.	
Relationships and Health Education	Theme – Friendships.	
Physical	This term we will be continuing to learn the correct way to hold one handed tools including scissors, pencils and cutlery. We will also be learning to use hammers safely. In PE we will focus on speed, agility and travel.	

Literacy	<p>Nursery- will be making their own marks and beginning to give meaning to them. We will be retelling stories and beginning to learn some letter sounds.</p> <p>Reception – will be learning new sounds during our daily phonics' sessions We will be writing short sentences and retelling stories and events. We will be using our phonics' knowledge to read short sentence and read some words by sight.</p>
Mathematics	<p>Nursery - will complete lots of practical activities looking at length and height. We will focus on the numbers 3 and 4.</p> <p>Reception– follow the White Rose Maths Scheme. We will be learning about the composition of numbers to 10 and learning about the properties of 3D shapes. We will continue practising our quick recall of number bonds to 5.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>This half term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about special events – St David's Day, Easter and Mother's Day. • Investigating different materials and finding out which can let light through. Which materials would the wolf be able to blow? • Drawing maps to help locate the hidden Easter Eggs. • Observing how materials change as we make Easter biscuits.
Expressive Arts and Design	We will use different resources to make our own pictures and junk models. We will learn about different techniques including weaving and find out about the British street artist Banksy.
RE	<p>N- Our Beautiful World</p> <p>R – Why do Christians put a cross in the Easter Garden?</p>

Some activities for your child to try at home....

<p>Make some puppets and retell a story.</p> 	<p>Practise counting amounts to match a number.</p> 
<p>Help write a shopping list.</p> 	<p>Draw or make your own characters from the story.</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

<https://whitrosemaths.com/1-minute-maths> - quick activities to consolidate Maths Activities