



EYFS TOPIC NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2024



Around the World (1 week remaining)

Walt Disney Wonders (4 weeks)

Next half term, our unit of work is based on the Disney stories, 'Frozen', 'Toy Story' and 'Moana'. Throughout the topic, we will read a range of Disney stories and learn many new songs. During the first week of the new topic, the children will watch 'Toy Story' as they will be writing about the characters and learning all about toys of the past and present.

Within the topic, the children will learn about hot and cold countries around the world, write character descriptions and explore water and ice. The children will learn about different instruments, practise playing them to a beat and create their own music. We will also provide extra role-play resources so that the children can put on their own performances by singing or dancing, and make their own tickets to buy and sell for their shows.

Pirates Ahoy! (2 weeks: 1 before the Easter break and 1 after)

Our next exciting topic is all about Pirates! We start the topic with our 'Sparkly Starter' where we invite the children to come to school dressed up as a pirate or simply bring a dressing up prop, e.g. pirate hat. We will capture the children's imaginations and immerse them in 'Pirates Ahoy' by learning a sea shanty and, through drama, we will become pirate crew and search for hidden treasure on an island. During this topic, we will read many pirate stories and use our imaginations to create and write our own. We will create our own pirate maps and will explore concepts such as floating and sinking.

Home Learning Activity

For the children's home learning, we would like them to learn about pirates. You may want to write some interesting pirate facts or use your imagination to create your own pirate story. You could draw pictures, make treasure maps, or create a model. We look forward to seeing what the children have created. Please ensure your child's home learning is sent into school by Tuesday 16th April. All home learning will be shared in class and all of the children that participate will receive a certificate.

Focus Author

Each half term, we will learn about an author and read a range of their books. Our focus author for next half term is **Michael Rosen**, who has written various books, including 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo.' It would be fantastic if you could share any books by this author at home or visit the local library to borrow some books written by this author.

Supporting at Home

We are so incredibly proud of the children and the hard work that they are putting into their learning. We know that this is due to the partnership we have formed with you as parents and carers. Please continue to read with your child at least 3 times a week, continue to complete the weekly home learning challenges and record your 'wow' moments in the stars. If you're unsure about how to support your child with their learning at home, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be more than willing to help and support you.

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd February – Last day to hand in your FOAA Smarties tube of coins

Friday 1st March – Fraser Photography (Class Photos)

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day (Children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character)

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Wednesday 20th March – Monday 25th March – Book fair

Wednesday 20th March – EYFS Walt Disney Wonders Performances (letter to follow):

Froglets – 9.00am, Ducklings – 9:45am and Caterpillars – 10:30am

Monday 25th March – Pirate Dress up Day (children can come in dressed as a pirate or bring a pirate prop)

Tuesday 26th March – PTA Easter Event – Meet the Easter Bunny

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Treats Day

Thursday 28th March – School reports will be sent to parents/carers

Friday 29th March – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 16th April – Pirate home learning due

P.E. – Dance

During this half term, the children will be learning to improve their agility, balance and coordination through stories and games, as well as learning new dance routines for our Walt Disney Wonders performances.

PE days are as follows:

Monday – Caterpillars

Tuesday – Froglets

Thursday – Ducklings

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE days, otherwise they will be unable to fully take part in these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair that it is tied back; their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Please check that each part of their kit is named every time their PE bag is sent home, as labels can often fall/wash out. Your child's PE kit will go home with them on their PE day weekly, as this will also be their forest school day. Therefore, please return it ready for the following week's session.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team

Miss Bridgman, Mrs Ford, Mrs Haddrell, Mrs Steinwartz, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Purbrick, Ms Tarasenko, Miss Lewis, Mrs Vivas, Mrs Khamis, Mrs Watt and Mrs Thomas-Smith