



EYFS TOPIC NEWSLETTER



Summer Term 2026

Pirates Ahoy! (2 weeks)

Our next exciting topic is all about Pirates! We start the topic with our 'Sparkly Starter' where we will complete some pirate themed physical activities in PE and add pirate dressing up clothes and props to our role play areas. 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 also create our own pirate maps and will explore concepts such as floating and sinking.

Circle of Life (5 weeks: final week will be in Summer 2)

As part of this topic, we have invited 'Crazy Creatures' into school, who will introduce us to a variety of reptiles and insects. The children will have the opportunity to touch and hold some of the creatures; however, others will be kept securely inside their containers! Additionally, a 'Mobile Farm' is due to visit also! Throughout the topic, the children will be learning about the lifecycles of plants, animals and themselves. The children will be fortunate enough to watch the life cycle of a butterfly from their own classrooms, making observations and writing about the changes.

During the topic, the children will explore information books about minibeasts and begin to write their own facts. They will also become storytellers when they learn The Hungry Caterpillar story. In our maths lessons, the children will learn to find odd and even numbers, practise finding number bonds to 5 and 10, find subtraction facts to 5 and understand the words equal and unequal.

Home Learning Activity

For the children's home learning, we would like them to learn about a minibeast and create something to share with their friends. Please do let them use their imaginations: they could choose to write a fact book about a particular mini beast; draw or paint a picture of them or create a paper mache minibeast.

Please ensure your child's home learning is sent into school by Tuesday 2nd June. All home learning will be displayed for the end of topic celebration and every child that completes the home learning challenge will receive a certificate.

PSHE and Religion and Worldviews

This term, our PSHE work will focus on 'relationships'. The children will learn about families and how these can be different to others, e.g. larger/smaller families. They will also learn about friendships and what they consider to be a good friend as well as learning how to resolve conflicts and develop their communication skills. In Religion and Worldviews, the children will be learning about Christianity and that stories can teach about good behaviours.

Focus Author

Each half term, we learn about an author and we read a range of their books. Our focus author next half term is Eric Carle who wrote various books, including 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird.' 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.



Diary Dates

Monday 20th April – Ducklings' library visit

Thursday 23rd April – Caterpillars' library visit

Friday 24th April – Froglets' library visit

Monday 27th April – FOAA Movie Night

Friday 1st May – New parent volunteer meeting at 2:15pm

Monday 4th May – Bank holiday

Tuesday 5th May – Crazy Creatures visit

Thursday 7th May – Beachwise Workshop

Monday 11th May - Farm visit

Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May – Walk to School Week

Monday 18th May - FOAA Early Years disco from 4:15pm

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – Half Term

Tuesday 2nd June – Circle of Life Home learning due in

Thursday 4th June– Circle of Life Exhibition (letter to follow)

PE

During this half term, the children will be understanding why exercise is good for their bodies and learn to improve their agility, balance and coordination through stories and games.

PE days continue 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 may be unable to take part fully in these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair, it is always tied back; their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. 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.

Uniform

Your child can now wear their summer uniform. You can find details of the summer uniform and our uniform policy on the 'key parent information' section of the website. We are now hoping to see the sunshine on a more regular basis! Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle every day and a summer hat. We are unable to put sun cream on your child so please ensure that you put this on them before they come to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team