



Early Years Curriculum Newsletter



February 2025

Dear parents,

Welcome back to school; we hope that you had a lovely half term holiday. Spring is fast approaching and we will be taking every opportunity to spot signs of the weather warming up and new things growing just as much as all the children are.

Curriculum Overview



This term, we will learn all about animals from England and from other countries, using stories such as "Handa's Hen" and "What the Ladybird Heard". This is complemented by our trip to The Gordon Brown Centre where we meet farm animals, make scarecrows and build dens in the woods.



We will observe the weather as it changes, learn about new life as we approach Easter and make links between longer days, warmer weather and new plants growing.

School Timings

Just a quick reminder that the doors are opened at **8:40am** and the school day finishes at **3:15pm**.

Physical Education and Games



The PE kit is a white T-Shirt, black jogging bottoms, trainers and the school jumper/cardigan. This term the children will be doing gymnastics in the school hall. Children will be taking off their shoes and socks to do P.E.

Please ensure your child is confident with taking off their own shoes and socks and putting them back on. For health and safety purposes, please make sure children do not wear any jewellery to school on these days and have long hair tied back.

Please come to school in your P.E kit every Friday.

Please check Tapestry to see what we are posting about your child - you can comment and add your own observations and special moments too.



Reading



Oak class visits the school library on a Tuesday morning. Please make sure the library book is in the book bags every Tuesday to ensure they get changed. Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record this in the yellow reading record. As time passes, your child will be able to read more of the library books - look for the little words that they can do!

Check in the yellow reading record for notes on what RWI group your child is in and how to support them with reading at home. Please keep their yellow reading record in their book bags with their Read Write Inc phonics work in school every day.

Diary Dates

These may change or be added to throughout the course of the term.

Event	Date
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March 2025
Stay and Play - Spring Crafts 2-3pm	Wednesday 26 th March 2025
Trip to The Gordon Brown Centre	Tuesday 1 st April 2025
Easter Bonnet Parade	Thursday 3 rd April 2025
Break Up for Easter Holidays	Friday 4 th April 2025
Back to School for the Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Houghton & Mrs C Tamang
Reception Class Teachers - Oak Class