



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 create our own pirate maps and will explore concepts such as floating and sinking.

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

As part of our new 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! 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 write their own facts. They will also become storytellers when they learn The Hungry Caterpillar story. In our maths lessons, the children will be practising their counting skills: on and back to 20, practising finding number bonds to 5, finding subtraction facts to 5 and understanding 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. We love seeing all of your hard

work at home, but we ask if you could try not to make your home learning project too large as we do not have space to store them. Thank you for your support with this!

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 us 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 13rd April – Children return to school

Thursday 16th April – Butterflies' Library Visit

Thursday 16th April – Ladybirds' Library Visit

Friday 17th April – Dragonflies' Library Visit

Monday 20th April – Bumblebees' Library Visit

Tuesday 28th April – Crazy Creatures

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 6th May – Beachwise Assembly

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

Tuesday 12th May – Farm Visit

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 learning to improve their agility, balance and coordination through stories and games. We will have sports coaches coming in to do PE with two classes this half term. Next half term, the sports coaches will be coming in to do PE with the remaining two classes. PE days are as follows:

Monday – Ladybirds

Wednesday (with sports coaches) – Dragonflies and Bumblebees

Thursday – Butterflies

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE days; otherwise, they will be unable to take part in these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair 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.

Uniform

After the Easter holidays, we will begin our summer term so your child can 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