



Bookwell Primary School
Reception
Spring 2 Newsletter



Welcome back to School, I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and that you are now ready for a busy half term ahead. We have many exciting things happening this half term and our learning will be based around seasonal changes/ Spring. This half term includes World Book Day, Pancake Day, Farm trip to Strudda Bank and many more things. Please keep a check on the weekly newsletters on the school webpage to keep up to date with everything. Reading books will be sent out on Friday 28th February and the homework tasks will be on seesaw.

Literacy

This half-term in Literacy, we will be exploring 2 new stories “The Extraordinary Gardener by Sam Boughton and “The Tiny Seed” by Eric Carle. The children will continue their phonics learning by reviewing the phase 3 phonemes. They will also be exploring double letter sounds and longer words ending in ‘ing’ and longer words with s in the middle /z/ s words ending –s and words with –es at end. The children will read 3 times a week working on decoding, prosody and comprehension skills.

Maths

In Maths, we will be working on cardinality composition, comparison, patterns, shape and measures.

MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM OVERVIEW Reception						EFFECTIVE MATHS	03/02/25: This version is complete to Block 2, Unit 5
	Cardinality	Composition	Comparison	Patterns	Shape	Measures	
Autumn	Able to count by rote 0-10 Perceptual: subitising to 5 Count objects to 10	Compose to 5 Know some bonds to 5	Compare collections that are very different or include objects of different kinds or sizes; compare numerals One more and one less to 5	A-B patterns A-B-C patterns	Experiencing different viewpoints Language of position and direction Representing spatial relationships	Recognise attributes of length, capacity and weight Comparing amounts of continuous quantities Estimating and predicting	
Spring	Able to count by rote 0-20 Conceptual: subitising to 8 Count objects to 20 Patterns in number: number structure	Compose to 8 Know some bonds to 5	Compare collections that contain the same amounts; compare numerals One more and one less to 8	A-A-B patterns A-A-B patterns	Developing shape awareness through construction Identifying similarities between shapes Show awareness of properties of shape	Comparing indirectly Recognising the relationship between the size and number of units Beginning to use units to compare things	

Understanding of the World

We will continue our learning for ‘Understanding the World’ through the exploration of life cycles. The children will talk about and understand changes in their own lifetime and they will take a closer look at the life cycle of a caterpillar. They will also explore the life cycle of different seeds. In R.E, we will be exploring the Easter story.

Physical Development

This half term the children will be working with Mrs Mason and they will be engaging in gymnastic sessions. The children will learn how to move with control and coordination. Our P.E Sessions this half term will be on **Thursdays. Please make sure that your child comes dressed in their p.e kit every Thursday.**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to explore the jigsaw scheme of work for pshe and the jigsaw piece for this half term is called “Healthy Me”. We will be discussing all the things we need to do to keep ourselves healthy, here are some of the topics we will be covering:- lifestyle choices, healthy eating, sleep, keeping clean, oral health, friendships and happiness.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, we will start by drawing a person; the children engage in this task every half term, it is a fantastic way to show progression. The children will continue to express themselves in response to our music scheme.