



Where children come first

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Early Years Foundation Stage spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What are we learning in spring 2?

Welcome to Spring 2 and our fabulous topics for this half term. We will be working on our virtues to support our work around being a good member of the community this half term. We will be encouraging the children to think about the contributions they make to their class community as well as the school community. We will be preparing our outdoor classroom for spring. Work has already begun on turning over the soil in the flower beds, preparing the planting beds and talk has quickly turned to what the children would like to grow.



We will also be learning all about Human Growth in the second half of the term with a visit from Miss Illingworth's Mum who is a health visitor. If you would like to share any photos of your child we would love to see them on Tapestry using the title #babyphotos – watch out for some photos of the staff...Can you work out who is who?



This half term, our traditional tale will be 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We will be revisiting this story often, adding actions to the words and performing for different audiences, look out for a recording on Tapestry.

In Nursery we will be focussing on numbers 1-4. Recognising the numerals, making sets and talking about first, second and third.

In Nursery phonics we are starting to focus on hearing the first sound in words by playing games with the sounds their names start with.

In Reception we will be continuing to look at numbers to 10 and beyond. As well as counting to make sets and record we will be writing the numerals to keep a total or make a number sentence. We will also be reading number sentences and deciding the best way to find the answers.



Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.



Our phonics work will include recaps of the digraphs (two letters that make one sound) and trigraphs (3 letters that make one sound) we have learnt so far. You can find links to the Little Wandle website on our weekly learning posts on Tapestry. Please check Tapestry at least once a week to see what we are learning, how you can support at home and see the things the children have been getting up to in school. Your Collins Ebooks log-in can be found on your child's reading record and will let you share the books we have read in school at home.

How can I keep up to date with everything?

We will continue to put our learning on Tapestry each week with links to games, videos and activity ideas you can complete at home. There will also be photos and videos of the activities we have completed in school. Don't forget we love to hear (and see!) all the things the children get up to at home so please put your own observations on. The children love sharing their news and it always makes it more exciting with a photo or video. If you are having any difficulties logging in or uploading to Tapestry or Collins Ebooks please let a member of the team know.



Our Family Learning sessions will continue every Wednesday at 12:45 with Katherine Webb-Sear. You can book on by emailing Katherine.webb-sear@york.gov.uk or texting 07920587385, free childcare is available.

If you have any children who are 2 years old we have opened our waiting list for Nursery, please contact the school office at westfield.primary@york.gov.uk to receive your admission form.

We're looking forward to yet another amazing term, as ever thanks for all your support

Kind Regards
Mrs Bootland
EYFS Phase Lead