



Where children come first

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## Early Years Foundation Stage Spring Newsletter

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What a wonderful start to the academic year we have had! Autumn term brought many things to celebrate; the children participated in 2 wonderful performances, settled into their new classes, made many new friends and have worked effortlessly in all areas of learning. Thank you all for your continued support. We can't wait to see what spring term brings.

### Spring 1

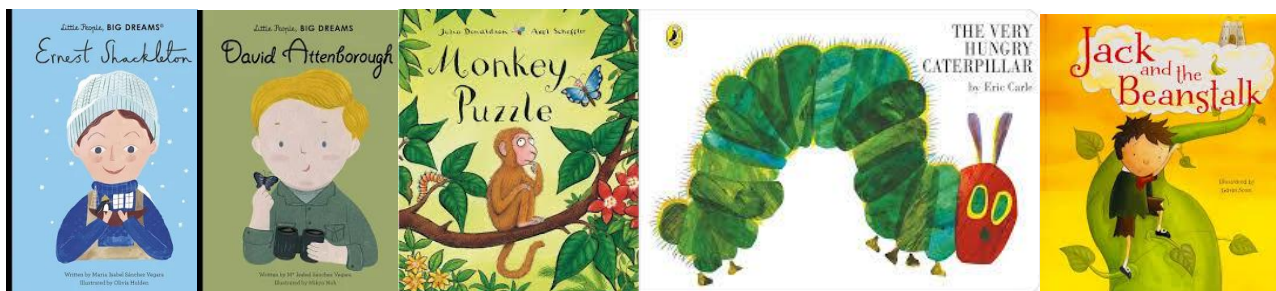
We are very excited to learn all about the Arctic. The children have shown great interest in exploring ice and discovering which animals live in the freezing climate. After week 3, we will begin learning about the jungle and make comparisons between the two habitats. Our 3 big questions for spring 1 are 'Who lives in the Arctic?', 'Who lives in the jungle?' and 'Can you describe the Arctic or the jungle?'. Ask your child at home and see if they can tell you.

### Spring 2

After half term, our topics will be 'Minibeasts' and 'Plants'. We will be learning where minibeasts live, how to take care of living things and what plants need to grow. Our 3 big questions for spring 2 will be 'What is a minibeast?', 'Can you label the parts of a plant?' and 'What do plants need to grow?'.

### Class texts

This term we will be exploring the following texts to support our learning.



**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.**



## Supporting your child at home

Thank you for your continued support with your child's home learning. Please continue to check Marvellous Me and your child's communication books for home learning updates. If your child is in Reception, keep practicing the phonics sounds of the week and continue to read daily. Our home learning throughout the spring term will be letter formation. If your child is in Nursery, keep singing nursery rhymes, reading stories together, and asking your child questions about what they have been doing during their school day.

## Key events

Further information will be sent out in due course but here is an overview of what is to come:

- World Book Day - **Thursday 6th March**
- Parents Evening - **Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th March**

## Celebration Assemblies

We use our weekly assemblies to praise and celebrate the children's achievements in various ways. Certificates are awarded to children who demonstrate the virtues of the school. We also use assemblies to remind children about the importance of good attendance.



## PE Days

Please see the chart below for your child's PE days:

FKH	Monday and Wednesday
FEI	Monday and Wednesday
FLM	Monday and Wednesday

## How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep a look out for Marvellous Me notifications and check out the website for this term's Knowledge Organiser.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to approach us with any questions.

Kind regards,

Miss Illingworth (Phase Leader) and the EYFS team.



Miss Illingworth



Miss Hill



Miss Martin