

Reception
Spring 2
2023

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'



Topic: Spring into life

The Big Picture

This half term, the children will start learning about how spring is the season that brings new life. As we leave winter behind the children will observe and explore the changes in our local environment including; how bees pollinate spring flowers, how frogspawn change into frogs and how many other animals awaken from hibernation. During our time in the forest, we will have some unusual historic encounters that will be a surprise for us all. Watch this space! Finally, we will have fun making Easter bonnets, cards and baskets as we learn all about the Easter Story.

Key Information and Dates

Walkley World Book Day— Children will be dressing up. Friday 3rd March

Educational visit to 'The Butterfly House'—10th March 2023.

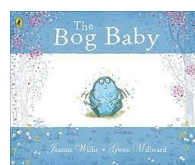
Forest School:
The Week of 13.3.23—17.3.23

Easter Bonnet Making—3.30—4.30pm
Thursday 30th March

Easter Bonnet Parade—Friday 31st March

Communication and language

Class Texts:



Literacy Focus

We will be looking at non-fiction books about minibeasts and the importance of bees. Our fiction text, 'Bog Baby' focuses on habitats and how we should take care of animals. Finally, 'Oi Frog' focuses on rhyme.

Home Learning

Your child will continue to bring home a library book which is a picture book they have chosen to read with you at home. Please ensure it is in their book bag every Friday so they can change it in school. They will also have a reading book which is matched to their reading ability and RWI group. Please comment on their reading in their Reading Record each time they read with you at home. In addition, the home learning weekly tasks will be sent via Tapestry.

Maths

Number	We will be focusing on numbers to 10, including all the different ways to make 10. We will also practice counting forwards and backwards to 20. Using Numicon, we will be investigating which numbers are odd or even. The children will look for patterns within the numbers.
Shape, space and measure	We will introduce 3D shapes and their properties, looking at objects in the environment. We will also look at repeating and growing patterns using 2D and 3D shapes.

Understanding the World

Past and Present	When the children visit Forest School, we will be going fossil hunting! We will learn about what the job of a paleontologist entails and look for our very own dinosaur bones! We will learn about the work of 'Mary Anning' who was one of the greatest fossil hunters to have ever lived!
People, Culture and Communities	To develop our geographical knowledge, we will make simple maps of Forest School, marking where they found their fossils.
The Natural World	We will explore the life cycles of frogs and bees as we observe changes from winter to spring. We will also learn about the importance of bees for our environment and what we can do to look after our local area. As the seasons change, we will encourage children to notice and describe the signs of spring.

Physical Development

In this unit, children will develop their expressive movement through the topic of 'everyday life'. Children explore space and how to use space safely. They explore travelling movements, shapes and balances. Children choose their own actions in response to a stimulus. They are given the opportunity to copy, repeat and remember actions. They are introduced to counting to help them keep in time with the music. They perform to others and begin to provide simple feedback.

Personal, social, emotional development

This half term we will be thinking about what it means to be 'honest' looking at traditional fables such as, 'The boy who cried wolf'.

We will also think about what it means to be 'resilient' and not give up. We will talk about how it is OK to make mistakes and that we learn from our mistakes.

Expressive art and design

In Art, we will be creating sculptures of different animals including, bees and frogs. We will explore a variety of materials to create 3D models such as block, clay, playdough and junk modelling

In Music, our topic is called 'Our World' The children will listen to, watch and talk about music and dance, expressing their feelings and response. We will find the pulse of a song and find ways to show this to others. We will explore high and low pitch using voices and musical instruments.

Religious Education

The children will start learning about how spring is the season that brings new life. This will lead into learning about how easter eggs symbolise new life. The children will learn about the Easter Story and what that means for Christians.