

Reception Summer Term 2024

Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to our final term together. I hope everyone has had a lovely Easter break. We are going to be very busy this half term and our learning themes include 'Spring', 'Growing and Changes' and 'Pets and the Farm'. The first couple of weeks we will be learning more about spring and plants. The children will be growing their own sunflowers. We will also be looking at a variety of life cycles and the changes that happen at different stages. Then we will be learning about Pets; the types of pets we have and how to look after them. On **Thursday 2nd May** we will be talking about our pets or a pet we would like to have. If your child is fond of a family member's or friend's pet, they are welcome to talk about them. If you would like to email me a photograph of their pet to show, please do so before Thursday 2nd. We will then be learning about life on the farm and going to **Hesketh Farm on Friday 10th May**. If you would like to help on this trip, please let me know.

I have also booked to take the children and their Year 6 buddies to **Nell Bank for the day on Friday 28th June**. You will receive more information about this trip at the beginning of next half term. Again, if you are free to help on this trip, please let me know.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will continue to build their confidence and develop the necessary skills and strategies to help them progress as learners. Our Learning Hero focus will be based on Ronnie Resourceful's learning powers, which include having a good imagination and being creative, using lots of different resources to help with learning, being good at noticing how learning links together, having a balanced view and being able to explain answers. We will also be looking at how to keep ourselves healthy this half term.

Communication and Language

Communication and Language continues to be linked very closely to PSED where children learn to share information and opinions with others, as well as listening to the ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion, through circle time, stories or play. Children will share their thoughts and ideas about their Easter holiday, caring for animals and looking after the local environment.

Physical Development

We will continue to go outside to develop our skills of using sporting equipment, such as balls, racquets, and hoops etc. We will also play team games. This half term we will be practising for Sports day. We will continue to develop your child's fine motor skills through various activities, exercises and play. These include playdough, the tools and pin boards, threading beads and stencils, using tweezers and pegs.



Literacy

We will continue to develop this area with our teacher activities focusing our writing on our topic. For example, the children will be labelling a plant, writing instructions on how to grow a sunflower, writing about a pet and how to care for it, and the trip to the farm. Children will listen to both non-fiction and fiction books about life cycles, pets and the farm.

Daily phonics, handwriting and individual reading sessions will continue. Remember to check the website to see which sounds the children have learned throughout the week and where we have got to with learning our tricky words (children will need to be able to read and write the tricky words). Please continue to read with your child as often as possible as it remains a focus to promote a love of reading and help to consolidate the skills they are learning in school. Remember it can be reading from their reading books, sharing a library book together or learning their tricky and high frequency words on the bookmarks you received. If you need a replacement bookmark, please let Miss Alston know.

Mathematics

Children will continue to develop their mathematical understanding, skills and knowledge through opportunities to explore, play and practice. This half term we will continue to learn and recall the number bonds to 10. We will be exploring and learning about odd and even numbers, as well as learning to count in twos. The children will be learning about 3D shapes and how to describe them by their properties. They will also be comparing measures including capacity, height, length and weight.



Understanding of the world

Children will be provided with a whole range of activities and learning opportunities to help them make sense of the world. The children will be learning about different life cycles and the stages that are involved. They will be thinking about how to care for animals and thinking about their needs as we look after them. The children will also share their ideas on what they do to help look after the environment. The children will learn to use the Beebots to develop their programming skills.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will experience art, model making, music, movement, dance, imagination and role-play activities to explore and share their thoughts, ideas and feelings. Children will have the opportunity to paint a picture of a pet or a farm animal, play in a vet role-play and use the junk modelling materials to make farm machinery like tractors. In singing and music, the children will continue to learn songs and rhymes and explore with the musical instruments.

Notices:

- Please make sure that your child is always dressed appropriately for **all weather** situations and has a coat in school every day. Please also ensure that your **entire child's uniform** is clearly named to help avoid any mix-ups. As the weather improves (finger crossed) please make sure your child comes to school with sun cream on and that they **bring a named hat to wear**. Please **don't send in sunglasses** as they can get broken. If you send in suntan lotion, please make sure the bottle is named and it is only for your child to use. Please note that we are not allowed to put sun cream on children so they must be able to do this by themselves. **It is best if you apply sun cream in the morning to protect your child all day.**
- Please continue to check the school website on a Friday to find out about the learning that has taken place in the classroom throughout the week.
- Also **please discourage your child from bringing in toys from home**. We do not want anything to get lost or broken.
- Remember to bring book bags in every day and reading books will continue to be changed on Fridays.
- Keep sharing your children's WOW moments, forms are available in the cloakroom or from a member of the team or you can email them to lucy.alston@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk.

Dates for Dairies:

- Show and Tell dates: Aire Friday 12th April, Nidd Friday 19th April, Swale Friday 26th April and Wharfe Friday 3rd May.
- Stay and Play: Thursday 18th April, Tuesday 30th April, Friday 17th May, Monday 10th June and Friday 5th July.
- Talking about our pets – Thursday 2nd May (send in a photograph)
- Hesketh Farm trip – Friday 10th May
- Sports Day Practice – Monday 20th May
- Sports Day – Wednesday 22nd May
- Training Day – Monday 17th June
- Nell Bank Buddy trip – Friday 28th June
- Class Presentation – Friday 5th July at 9am (school hall)

If there is anything else that you need to know, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your continued support over the last year; it has been very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Miss L Alston