

Fledglings Newsletter Spring 2 2026

Welcome to Spring 2! This half term in EYFS, our topic is Animals. The children will be learning about different types of animals, where they live, what they eat and how to care for them through stories, play and hands-on activities. We will also begin preparing for Easter, learning about why it is celebrated and taking part in some special seasonal activities.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term ahead!



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Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	RE
<p>This half term, children will develop their speaking and listening skills by answering questions such as who, what, when, where, why and how, and by following stories without pictures or props.</p> <p>They will practise speaking in full sentences, using conjunctions such as and and because to join ideas, and show enjoyment of stories through character voices and expression. Children will also use newly taught vocabulary in different contexts and learn and perform a range of traditional and contemporary poems.</p>	<p>This half term, children will learn about keeping their bodies healthy. We will explore the importance of exercise, rest, healthy eating and sleep.</p> <p>Children will practise washing their hands carefully and understand why this is important. We will also talk about what a stranger is and how to stay safe if approached by someone they do not know.</p>	<p>This half term, our PE focus will be Invasion Games and Dance, helping children develop movement, coordination and teamwork skills.</p> <p>To strengthen fine motor skills, we will take part in activities such as Dough Disco, Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle, A Different Musician and Wake Up, Shake Up. Children will also enjoy hands-on challenges including feeding the animals using scoops, printing zoo animal footprints, rescuing sea creatures, washing pets, making bird feeders by threading Cheerios and creating caterpillars using pipe cleaners and beads.</p>	<p>This half term, children will learn that Jesus told stories which are found in the Bible, and that He used these stories to teach people about God. We will also learn about the Easter story, including how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday, died on the cross on Good Friday, and that Christians believe He rose again on Easter Day and is alive today. We will understand that Easter is the most important time of the year for the Church.</p>

Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Maths	Literacy
<p>This half term, children will explore a variety of animals. We will learn about farm animals, wild animals, pets, garden animals, minibeasts, and sea creatures. The children will have hands-on opportunities to observe and care for animals, including a special visit from a very friendly dog, Freddie. These activities will help children understand animal habitats, behaviour, and how to look after living things.</p>	<p>This half term, children will take part in a variety of creative activities inspired by animals and Spring. They will make farm animals from paper plates, paint zoo animals and daffodils, create Rainbow Fish using celery printing, make pet rocks, and craft a hungry caterpillar. The children will also enjoy some Easter baking.</p>	<p>This half term in Nursery, children will continue to explore numbers, focusing on number 5 and number 6. They will also begin to compare and measure objects, learning about height and length, mass, and capacity through hands-on activities and practical play.</p> <p>And in Reception children will focus on building numbers 9 and 10, developing their understanding of number composition and counting. They will also explore 3D shapes, learning to recognise, name, and describe the properties of different shapes through practical and hands-on activities.</p>	<p>This half term, children will continue to follow our phonics program to develop their reading and writing skills. They will explore quality texts from our Reading Spine and continue our focus on traditional tales. Children will also develop their mark-making and early writing skills through a variety of creative and structured activities. We are also excited to be taking a trip to Waterstones to explore books and inspire a love of reading.</p>

Important Dates

Tuesday 3rd March – In-person Parents Evening

Thursday 5th March – Online parents Evening

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 27th March – Trip to Waterstones!

Reminders

- Please can Reception children have their Reading Books and Reading Records in school every day.
- Forest School on Wednesday afternoons this half term.