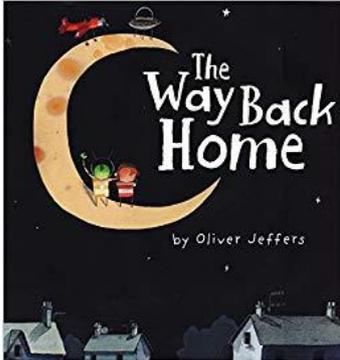


Reception Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break!

Our key high-quality text this half term



The Way Back Home
By Oliver Jeffers

Literacy

Our literacy sessions this half term will be focused on imagining, role playing, innovating and storytelling. We will be exploring what makes a successful story and identifying different parts of a story, how stories are put together. We will be exploring our text through role play and sensory activities, before using our own ideas and imaginations to create and tell our own stories. We will be considering the differences between fact and fiction and looking at some of the features of an information text too.

Reading & Phonics

This half term our phonics sessions are becoming more formal in preparation for Year One. Our sessions will now be an hour long and will include a variety of games and songs on the carpet, followed by focused and independent activities within the classroom. We are encouraging the children to apply their skills and knowledge they have developed throughout the year within these activities and are promoting their independence!

In our phonics sessions we will be consolidating some of the Phase 3 sounds we have already learned, as well as practising reading words with two or more syllables and words with consonant blends eg. 'st' or 'pl'. Later in the half term we will be beginning to learn some Phase 5 alternative vowel sounds too. Please keep practising reading at home!

We will continue to change our library books in The Den each week and our Den day will now be on a Friday.

Writing

This half term we are consolidating our writing skills and will be writing with increasing independence. We will be practising using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops consistently in our writing. The application of our phonological knowledge and knowledge of common exception words will be very important this half term! We will be encouraging the children to establish their own ideas and write for purposes of their own.



Key Dates

INSET Day - Thursday 2nd May
Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May
Unavoidable school closure – Thursday 23rd May
School Closes – Friday 24th May

Mathematics

This half term in Maths we are practising using our knowledge of numbers to 20 to solve problems and to reason. We are beginning the half term by focusing on counting and sequencing skills using numbers to 20 and beyond. Later in the half term we will be learning about doubling and halving. We will be solving problems that include sharing quantities into equal parts and developing our language to explain our thoughts, ideas and mathematical reasoning. We will be asking lots of 'how' and 'why' questions to encourage the children to develop these skills.

Home Learning

The more practise we have, the better! We are reading in school every day and celebrating the children's successes in reading independently. Please continue to practise both your child's sound book and reading book regularly at home. We also really appreciate the comments we receive about your child's progress in their planner. Just a reminder that presentation in homework books is important and homework should be completed to a high standard.

Thank you for your continuing support and hard work at home!

Miss Williams & Mrs Borders



Class Targets

- * to make links between my own experiences and things I have learnt.
- * to ask thoughtful questions of others when engaging in conversation
- * to listen attentively in a range of settings and scenarios.

Wider Curriculum

Our learning this half term will be linked to our key text 'The Way Back Home'. In our Science sessions we will be investigating light and dark, thinking about different sources of light, shadows and why we have night and day. We will also be using magnets and exploring how some materials are magnetic and some are not. We will be finding out about the Moon and engaging in role play and sensory activities to imagine what it would be like to travel there. We will be working collaboratively to use construction materials to build and create our own space vehicles and being very creative with a variety of resources to design our own aliens and create our own space art.