



# Reception Newsletter

## Spring 2

We hope you had a restful half term. We're so proud of all the children and their obvious love for learning - they are making so much progress. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch (you can message us on Class Dojo or catch us on the door) - The Reception team

### Key Dates

Wednesday 4th March - Little Acorns (baby/toddler group)  
Friday 6th March - World Book Day  
Tuesday 10th March - Reception's Mother's (or important lady) Day  
Breakfast  
Wednesday 11th March - Family Wild Worship  
Friday 13th March - Red Nose Day  
Tuesday 24th March - Reception Fluoride Application  
Friday 27th March - Easter Service (children only)  
Friday 27th March - School closes for Easter (no PM Explorers)

**Additional dates & information to follow.**

### Topic



This half term, our topic is *Who lives in the deep, dark woods?* We will be looking at how things grow and change through science, stories and discussion. This will involve looking at pictures of us as babies and thinking about how we have changed (if you have any baby photographs that you're willing to share, please send to Mrs Baxter on Dojo - thank you). Our key texts will be Jack and the Beanstalk, Leaf and The Stick Man. We will be looking at fairy tales, describing settings, events and characters. We will also be sequencing stories and writing sentences with capital letters and full stops, checking we have used finger spaces between words. In maths we will be focussing on counting backwards, finding 1 less than and subtracting numbers. You can help by singing songs such as 10 green bottles, 10 fat sausages, 10 little men in a flying saucer etc. We will also be consolidating our knowledge of number bonds to 5 and 10. Topic lessons will involve planting seeds and predicting what will happen, and also looking for signs of spring. We will be learning about Vincent Van Gogh and learning how to colour mix with powder paint.



### Reading

Please read with your children every night, asking them questions about what is happening in the book. A massive thank you to those of you who are reading with the children regularly, we can really see the difference with retention, fluency and comprehension.

### Other



Please ensure water bottles and coats are in school everyday and that everything is labelled. As before, a snack and milk will be provided by school, but if children want to bring in their own healthy snack from home, this is fine too!



## Reception at a glance - Spring 2

Here is an insight into the teachers who will be in each day and information about anything extra your children may need (please note, this may change due to timetabling, meetings or events, but this will generally be the structure).

Monday	Mrs Baxter & Mrs Jennings. Library session today - bring your <b>library book</b> to renew or exchange.
Tuesday	Mrs Baxter & Mrs Jennings.
Wednesday	Mrs Brown & Mrs Jennings.
Thursday	Mrs Brown & Mrs Jennings. Outdoor learning - In the nature area. Please bring a <b>waterproof coat, wellies</b> (these can be left at school) and <b>clothing</b> to suit the weather as Oxenhope weather can be unpredictable!
Friday	Mrs Brown & Mrs Jennings. PE - Come to school in your <b>PE kit</b> and bring a <b>waterproof coat</b> . We will wear our PE kits all day. Sounds of the week and homework brought home.

Please bring your reading book, reading record and your water bottle to school every day.