



Spring Term 2026 Early Years Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back to an action-packed spring term.
We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and would like to take the opportunity to welcome you and your children

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will focus on independent sharing and taking turns. We will also be supporting conflict resolution and effective communication to be able to solve issues. We will be encouraging children to wait their turn to speak when another is sharing. We will be developing perseverance in the face of challenge.

Phonics

This term we will continue on our phonics journey, building on the Little Wandle mantras and strengthening our phonetic knowledge. We will be encountering many more digraphs (two letters, one sound) and trigraphs (three letters, one sound). Similarly, to last term, we will send home lists of sounds, formation phrases and tricky words. We hope you can join us for our Coffee Morning on 14th January.

The Write Stuff

This term we will be beginning our writing programme. Your child will be immersed in each of these texts in the first half term and will learn the value of vocabulary, jotting in a book and writing sentences based on a part of the story.

Expressive Art and Design

This term we will be continuing to explore our imaginations by creating shows and stories linked to our recent visit to the theatre and following the 'Traditional tale' line of enquiry. We will also be using a variety of media and materials, looking at their properties and how they can be modified to create effect. Malleable materials will also be a focus allowing children to explore the sense of touch and smell.

Developing our outdoor area

Our Early Years outdoor area is great but with all things at this time of year, it could do with a little spruce up! If you have any soil, robust plant pots, hanging baskets or bulbs and flowers that are surplus to requirement, we would be really grateful for them. We're also on the hunt for construction materials. In addition to this, if you have a passion for gardening and would be willing to help us in this area, please let us know.

Library visits

Your child will continue to visit the school library once a week on a Monday. They will be able to explore the vast range of books we have and borrow one or two to bring home each week. Please return your library books and individual reading books on a Monday.

Communication and Language

This term your child will be working on making comments and sharing ideas about what they have heard, offering explanations about why things have or might have happened, listening attentively for short periods and asking questions to clarify what they have heard.

Mathematics

We will be focusing on numbers to 10 this term, including number bonds, doubles, odd and evens and lots of subitising. Subitising is when you are able to look at a small group of objects and instantly recognise how many there are. A good way to start this skill with your child is playing board games and recognising the dots on the dice. We will also cover length and height and 3d shapes over the term. Thank you for your dojo contributions in this area last term, it supports your child in so many ways.



Physical Development

PE Days– Tuesday And Wednesday
Focus: Gymnastics and Dance
In addition to our PE lessons, children will also develop their control and coordination in movement and further develop their pencil control and letter formation, they will also manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs. We will also learn about the Winter Olympics.

Understanding the world

As a whole school we have STEM Week from 9-13th March where children will have a variety of STEM experiences. If you work in the world of STEM and would like to be involved, please get in touch!

In **Science**, children will observe and explain natural process such as changes in state of solids and liquids and the growing of plants.

In **Geography**, children will learn about maps and explore our immediate environment in a variety of ways. We will learn where Italy is!

In **History**, children will learn about the Winter Olympics.

In **Computing**, children will learn about safety and privacy.

In **RE**, children will learn how to help others when they need it and the significance of the cross at Easter,

In **Music**, children will continue to explore rhythm and body percussion, nursery rhymes and playing a range of instruments.

Diary Dates for Spring Term 2026

14th January – Little Wandle Coffee Morning
15th January- Census Day
4th February – Informal sharing afternoon 2:30-3:10pm
10th February– Internet Safety day
10th & 12th February – Parent consultations
16th-20th February – Half term
5th March – World Book Day
9th-13th March – STEM Week and Fair
30th March– 10th April – Easter Holidays

EYFS Staff

Elm Class teacher

Mrs. Weller (Mon-Weds)
Mrs. Riley (Thurs-Fri)

Supported by

Miss. Holmes
Mrs Asker
(Wednesday pm)

Our School Value for the Spring term:

Challenge

Our Learning Habit for the spring term:

Metacognition

