



EYFS
Newsletter April
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Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone! We have loved hearing all about the exciting things the children got up to over the Easter holidays, and it has been so wonderful to be back together again this week. We can't quite believe we are now entering our final Summer term - we are incredibly proud of how much the children have grown and developed since starting with us in September!

This week, we concluded our "Roar" topic with a fantastic afternoon of fossil discovery, along with some very special visits from baby T-Rex! We are moving on to our new topic all about animals. Yesterday, we had the most amazing time at Thornton Hall Farm. The children made us so proud with their behaviour on their very first school trip. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing the animals and had lots of fun exploring the farm.

We have lots more fun and exciting activities planned for this half term, and we can't wait to share them with you so keep checking our news out on the website and on Facebook and Instagram! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries. You can do this via email, through the school office or in person at the start or end of the day.

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EYFS Topics

Autumn 1 (03.09.24 – 17.10.24)	Spring 1 (06.01.25 – 14.02.25)	Summer 1 (22.04.25 – 23.05.25)
Me and My World	People who Help Us	Amazing Animals
Autumn 2 (28.10.24 – 20.12.24)	Spring 2 (24.02.25 – 04.04.25)	Summer 2 (03.06.25 – 18.07.25)
Light Up the Sky	Roar!	Holidays

Weekly Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Trawden Library visits		Forest School	New Reading Books BugClub eBooks set PE



Our Learning This Half Term



Our topic for the first half term is 'Amazing Animals'. Throughout this half term, we will be focussing on:

Literacy: We will continue to develop our literacy skills through phonics, letter formation and writing words and phrases. Through Drawing Club, we will look at stories and animations relating to animals such as the three little pigs and we're going on a bear hunt.

Maths: We will learn about length and height with the children exploring these concepts practically and we will continue developing our understanding of numbers to 10 and then 20.

PE: This half term children will develop their ball control skills. The sessions will include: controlling a ball, rolling and throwing a ball, bouncing a ball, kicking a ball, catching a ball and striking a ball. They will develop individual skills, as well as learning how to play a few simple games and become part of a team.

Topic: We will be learning about farm animals, different animals, their habitats and where they live in the world. We will create our own animal pictures and make music to represent different animals and how they move.

PSHE: We will focus on showing confidence in speaking to others about needs, wants and opinions, showing resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge and managing conflict.

Forest School: We will develop our confidence and independence through free exploration and learn to follow rules and boundaries through a variety of games. We will compare photos we have taken over the last two terms and discuss how the seasons have changed. We will plant seeds and learn about how things grow.



Bug Club

Reading



- We will continue to allocate fully decodable Bug Club eBooks each week, which focus on the sounds your child has been learning in class. We will also continue to add the *Action for Sounds* videos and games.
- These books and activities are essential and should be prioritised during home reading, as they give children valuable opportunities to practise and consolidate the sounds they have been taught.
- In addition, children will continue to choose a physical book to bring home, as previously explained in the letter sent at the beginning of last term. Please also continue to practise the tricky words that were sent home.
- Please remember to complete the Reading Record Book each week in relation to both the Bug Club eBook and the physical book, and return it to school every Friday.





Key Events for Summer 1: 13.04.26 - 22.05.26



Class Photos	Earth Day	Crazy Hair Day
<p>Tuesday 21st April</p> <p>Class photos will take place on Tuesday 21st April, so please ensure children come to school in full uniform and ready to smile.</p>	<p>Wednesday 22nd April</p> <p>On Wednesday 22nd April, we will be celebrating Earth Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed in green or blue and will take part in a range of sustainability workshops, with a £2 contribution.</p>	<p>Friday 1st May</p> <p>On Friday 1st May, children are invited to come to school with crazy hair to support our fundraising event, with a £2 contribution and have a tattoo done in school!</p>
<p>Bank Holiday</p> <p>Monday 4th May</p> <p>School will be closed on Monday 4th May due to the bank holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back the following day.</p>	<p>FYI - Y6 SATs Week</p> <p>W/C Monday 11th May</p> <p>Year 6 pupils will be completing their SATs tests during the week commencing Monday 11th May, and we wish them all the very best.</p>	<p>Walk to School Week</p> <p>W/C Monday 18th March</p> <p>We will be taking part in Walk to School Week during the week commencing Monday 18th May, encouraging children to travel to school in a healthy and active way where possible.</p>





EYFS Routines



Entering / Exiting (KS1 Yard)	Cloakroom	Snacks/drinks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gates open at 8:35am (there is no school led supervision) Doors open at 8:45am Please drop off and collect your child from the main entrance door during our roofing work. Home Time is at 3:25pm this is a temporary measure to ensure the children are collected safely and to give adults time to then collect siblings if necessary during our building work - the children will come out from the main entrance door. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each child has their own peg for personal belongings, such as their coat and PE kit. Each child has a tray to store their snack and anything that they make in school that they would like to take home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School fruit/veg is provided in the morning. Children are allowed to bring one healthy snack (i.e. fruit) for our afternoon play. No chocolate or crisps permitted. Please note that we are a nut-free school due to the severe allergies that we have. Milk is provided in an afternoon. Children always have access to their water bottle during the day and can refill it with water.
	<h3>Playground</h3>	
	<p>Gates Open – 8:35 a.m. The school yard is not supervised by staff before school. For everyone’s safety, we kindly ask that children do not use the playground equipment during this time. If a child does use the equipment, the school cannot accept responsibility for any accidents that may occur before or after school hours.</p>	

PE

All children **MUST** have their PE Kit in a draw string bag that is kept in school on their peg. It will be sent home to be washed and size checked each half term.

P.E. Kit

white round neck t-shirt

black shorts

black pumps (indoor)

plain black or **white** trainers (outdoor) - these may be brought in each week

plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings (outdoor)

* **plain black** tracksuit top (outdoor)

drawstring pump bag

* = optional

Note - watches and earrings must be **removed** for PE and long hair must be tied back.

We could be **indoors** or **outdoors**, depending on the weather.



This half term, our PE day is **Friday**.

School Uniform



Girls

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan
- white polo shirt
- green checked skirt / pinafore or plain black skirt / pinafore
- * black trousers
- white or black socks / black tights
- black school shoes
- * bottle green and white checked dress for summer

Boys

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt
- white polo shirt
- black school trousers
- white or black socks
- black school shoes
- * black school shorts for summer

P.E. Kit

- white round neck t-shirt
- black shorts
- black pumps (indoor)
- * plain black trainers (outdoor)
- drawstring pump bag

Forest School

- EYFS provide wellies and an all in one suit for Forest School – this means we have the freedom to go up on any day of the week. You might want to bring hat and gloves / cap (weather dependant)

Extras

- * bottle green school book bag
- * bottle green school logo coat
- * bottle green school logo fleece
- * named water bottle
- * green small logo ruck sack

NO jeans **NO** trainers or boots

NO jewellery, make-up or nail varnish

NO extreme hair cuts - long hair must be tied back

(watch and plain stud earrings only)

* = optional