



# Trawden Forest Primary - School Newsletter

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## Reception



EYFS Spring – See how they grow!

Our EYFS and Year 1 topic this half term is called 'See how they grow!' The children have a fun and exciting half term ahead of them. We have some small visitors arriving in a couple of weeks and the children will be learning all about the life cycles of different animals. We will also hunt for mini-beasts and explore the environment that they live in.

We will link our Literacy lessons to this and discover 'The very hungry caterpillar', 'The tiny seed' and 'Handa's surprise'. In maths we will be learning comparing and exploring numbers to 10, combining amounts and making pairs. We will also explore different shapes and patterns.

We will be inviting you in for two special events this half term. The first one is [Mother's Day assembly, which will be held on Monday 13th March 2.50pm](#). Secondly, our Family Forest School session, which will be [held on Wednesday 8th March for parents to join from 2pm \(a letter has been sent to you with more information\)](#).

Reminders: Please make sure all clothing and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please can we also remind you that we are a healthy school and please also remember to bring in PE kits with clearly labelled clothing too. Lots of children have similar black shorts and white t-shirts therefore are easily misplaced when getting changed from PE.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Beetham and Mrs Smith and the whole EYFS/Y1 Team.

Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thur	Fri
	Library book & home reading book change	Bug Club eBook assigned Forest School	PE	

## Reception



Year 1 & EYFS

## Year 1



Half way through the year already! How time flies! This half term our topic is 'See How They Grow'. In Year 1 we will be learning about plants and using our Forest School sessions to explore the plants in our local area. We will also be thinking about how we can stay healthy and learning how to make healthy foods from plants in DT. All the children will be looking at lifecycles and will be able to observe them in class over the weeks. We also plan to have lots of fun during book week and science week, with extra activities and visitors.

Please continue to read with your children at home and record in their Reading Record books. Reading books should be read by your child and comments made about how well they did, library books are to share and enjoy together (your child does not have to be able to read all the words in these books) and can be listed at the back of the reading record.

Please speak to us if you need any help or advice.

Mrs Alcock, Miss Whittam and Miss Bennett

This half term we will be doing PE indoors as we are

doing gymnastics & dance. However, children may need trainers on Tuesdays and Thursday for running at playtime. For Forest School each Wednesday, children need to come to school in their own clothes and bring wellies and waterproofs to change into.

Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thur	Friday
<b>Bring in your reading book and reading record every day to read in class.</b>				
	Reading Books changed	Forest School		PE
	Reading Records checked			



## Year 2



It has been fantastic to welcome the children back after the February half-term break. They seem refreshed and ready to learn which is great as we have an incredibly busy half-term ahead of us.



In History, we are learning about Learie Constantine who was one of our local heroes and was celebrated for not only being an amazing cricketer, but for standing up for the rights of black people in the North West.



In Science, we are learning about plants, what they need to grow and what happens if we take one or more of those basic necessities away.

In Maths, we are continuing to learn about money, children will learn skills such as recognising coins and notes, making the same amounts and giving change. We will then move onto 'time' where children will learn how to read time to the nearest five minutes.

There will be no Forest School this half-term. Please could children bring in their signed reading record each Tuesday along with their reading book.

Please do not hesitate to talk to us at the door or contact us if you need anything or have any questions. Thank you, Miss Lambert and Miss Hart [blambert@trawden.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:blambert@trawden.lancs.sch.uk)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE (indoor+outdoor kit needed)	Home reading books changed and reading records checked			Spelling and times table test  Homework set

## Year 3



In Year 3, our topic for this half-term is 'All About Me'. Within this topic, we shall be learning about ourselves. In our science work, which is about Humans and Animals, we shall explore diet as being the types of food that we eat and carrying out experiments to learn about our muscles. In our geography work, we will be finding out about the United Kingdom.



**PE:-** This half-term, we will also be continuing our gymnastics. Please ensure that your child has their indoor and outdoor PE kit and that it is fully labelled.

**Forest School:-** For Forest School, on Fridays, please ensure that your child brings a pair of wellies or walking boots. The weather can now still be cold and wet so they will also need waterproof clothing, a hat and gloves as well as a pair or two of thicker socks and plenty of layers to keep them warm. Please ensure that your child wears long trousers for Forest School as children need their legs covered. Unfortunately, Forest School will **not** take place on these dates: Science Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March Bunny Hop – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March



**Reading:-** In Year 3, children are expected to bring their homework/personalised learning book and their reading book along with their reading record log in with them **EVERY day**. Please ensure that you sign the record when your child has read at home. I will check these each day and children that have read (and had this recorded in their log) will be able to move their name up on the reward chart in class. The children must also record any quiz results that they take. At home, please remember to hear your child read. A little each day is better than a longer slot only once a week. Children can access Accelerated Reader to complete quizzes on the books they have read. Please follow the links on the school website under 'Pupil Zone'.

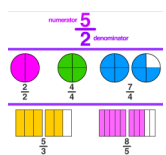
**Times Tables :-** Also on the website, under 'Pupil Zone', is a link for TTRockstars in order for your child to practise their times tables. If your child has forgotten their log-in details, please contact Mrs Atkinson.

Mon	Tues	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Homework due in and tested	PE (indoor + out- door kit needed)  Homework set	Forest School



Welcome back, Year 4! How quick did the first part of the Spring term fly by? We are pleased to say that from the moment children entered the class on Monday morning, they quickly settled back into school and were working as hard as ever!

This half term in English we will be creating our own story based on the wordless picture book 'Float' by Daniel Miyares. We have really enjoyed this so far and spent our first English lesson making paper boats as a stimulus.

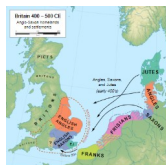


We hope that you have been able to see the photos on our website.

Within Maths, we have just rounded up our learning on area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares within. Next, we are moving onto Fractions and looking at mixed numbers, improper fractions, equivalent fractions and how to add / subtract them.



In Science, we are continuing our work on 'States of Matter'. We have already started to investigate if all liquids (well, ketchup) behave the same. Try asking your child about 'Kevin the Hot Dog Stand Seller'. Next, we will be looking at other properties of solids, liquids and gases, before looking at the science behind the water cycle.



In History, we are moving on from Roman Britain, as Emperor Honorius sent a letter which said, "*fight bravely and defend your lives...you are on your own now.*" to Anglo-Saxons. We will be learning about how they invaded, settled into village life, their culture, conversion to Christianity and the changes they implemented to move further away from Rome. We have also linked our Art in with the topic and will be looking at Anglo-Saxon jewellery in order to create our own.

We have Forest School on a Friday this half term. Please note, there will be **NO Forest School session on Friday 17th March** as it is our Science Fair.

Thank you,  
Mr Loynds &  
Mr Lomax

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
Bring in your reading book every day to read in class.				
PE			Homework Due In	Spelling Test / New Spellings
			Reading Records checked	Homework Set
				Forest School

## Friday 27th February 2023

Welcome back and what a busy half term this will be. Keep an eye on the school newsletter for the dates of all of our events. Our PTFA are planning a Mothers' Day Pop-up Shop and Easter colouring competition. Our EYFS children are leading assembly and Mr Loynds is hosting another fabulous Science Fair. There will be a parents' evening and a Bunny Hop (in aid of Pendleside Hospice) - so please don't miss any!

Please make sure that all children in Y1-Y6 have their reading record signed by an adult (parent or family member) whenever they have read. These will be checked regularly in school.

If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher, the office or me. Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Stinchon

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Welcome back to Spring 2,

We hope you had a lovely half term break. The children are excited for the upcoming Mothers Day Pop-up Shop, Science Fair and World Book Day, so they have great events to look forward to this half term. Keep an eye on the school newsletter for the dates!



We will be learning about the 1980's within our history lessons, so if you have any photographs, items from the 1980's or some great outfits or legwarmers, please get in touch!

Our science is Forces - the children will learn how forces affect everything around us. They will learn about the effects of gravity, friction, air and water resistance as well as build models to explore the ways in which pulleys, levers and gears work!



PE is on a Thursday this half term, so please assist your child in having their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school on that day.

Every child in Y5 Maple class has a reading record book now, so please can you add any comments to the book and sign it to say your child has been reading as often as possible. The record books will be checked and all children need their reading books, record books and personalised learning books in class daily.



Please do get in touch if there is anything we can help you with.

Kind regards, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Waters and Miss Gallagher

Monday	Tue	Wed	Thursday	Friday
<b>Bring in your reading book, homework book and reading record book daily.</b>				
Reading Records checked			Homework Due In	New Spellings
			Spelling Test	Homework Set
			PE	



This half term is a really important one for all of the Year 6 children as we will be continuing to prepare the children for the SATs in May. This means that there will continue to be a little more homework than the children have had previously.

Our topic this half term will be 'The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons' as well as looking at Trade across the World. The children already know we will be studying this and are really excited about it. We will be reading a variety of texts and using historical sources; however, our main novel will be 'Riddle of The Runes' by Janina Ramirez.



Don't forget to enter our fabulous science fair led by Mr Loynds. It is on Friday 17th March and the theme is "Connections"



Spellings: Please ensure that your child learns both their weekly spellings as well as the words on their statutory word list. They receive spellings on a Monday and are tested on them on a Friday each week. The weekly spellings are always on Seesaw.



Reading: Please support your child at home by encouraging them to read daily and completing regular quizzes on Accelerated Reader – this helps me to track their reading and progression. Please also make sure that you sign your child's reading record regularly.

Maths: Maths homework is given out each Friday and is due in on Monday.  
English: English revision homework is given out each Friday and is due in on Monday.

Please ensure your children have time to complete the tasks.

Thank you, Mrs E Clarke  
eclarke@trawden.lancs.sch.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
<b>Bring in your reading book every day to read in class.</b>				
Homework Due In	Reading Record check		Swimming	Spelling Test
New Spellings				Homework Set
				Forest School is on: 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 10 <sup>th</sup> March 24 <sup>th</sup> March