

Flamingos' Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's break. In Flamingos Mrs Sharpe will be teaching the children with Mrs Holgate teaching RE and ICT on a Thursday. We are delighted to have Ms Vincent working alongside us in Flamingos.

Flamingos will be working on the following areas of the curriculum this term:

Literacy: We will continue to teach Literacy through Talk 4 Writing which will build on work already covered. All lessons will link to our phonic work with decoding and encoding and grammar therefore developing children's writing skills alongside the reading and writing of key high frequency words.

The first half term will see the children focussing on reading and writing fables.

Reading:

In school, children will take part in shared reading activities to learn and practise key reading skills. Please continue to hear your child read for 10 minutes every day to help build their confidences, fluency and understanding of a text. Please record when you have heard your child read in their reading records. Do not worry if staff have not written a daily record or comment in your child's book, the emphasis is placed on class reading in many differing formats alongside 1-1 reading.

Maths: The children will continue to be taught through the maths mastery approach, developing skills through fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We will also be covering the age appropriate areas of Numbers, Calculation, Shape, Number Problems and Number Sentences in line with the National Curriculum deepening understanding of concepts taught.



Literacy Homework:

Spellings will continue to be our focus for literacy homework, please encourage your child to use their words in sentences while they are practising.

Spelling tests will continue to take place between **Wednesday and Friday** and new spellings sent out by **Friday**.

Reception Children Spellings

Spelling caterpillars will be sent home and placed on the website for children to practise spelling key words as their reading and phonic skills develop.

Please note some handwriting formation work may be given in place of spellings to consolidate handwriting.

Maths Homework:

All Maths homework for year 1 and year 2 will be linked to what has been taught that week. Sometimes it will be in a Maths Booklet and sometimes a sheet stuck in a Maths Homework book. On the front of the Maths booklet will be a dated sticky label detailing which pages of the book to complete. Please only work through the pages stated as we want to keep Maths homework relevant to classwork.

Reception:

Children will in due course have sent home individual worksheets to enable them to consolidate key skills as the term progresses.

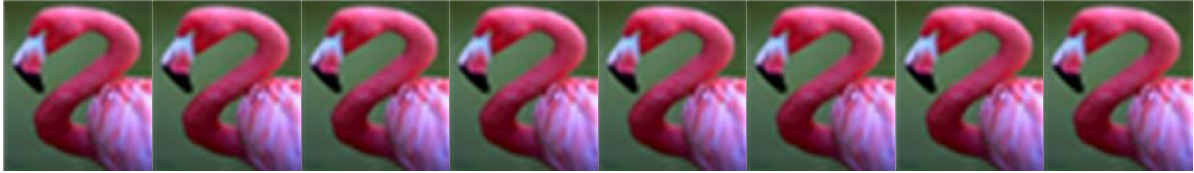
Topics: This half term we will be focussing on:

History:

- Houses and Homes

Science:

- Everyday Materials



P.E: All children should have **named** P.E. kit and trainers in school at all times containing kit for both indoors and outdoors. Trainers are needed daily at Playtime and Lunchtime. (Additionally whilst talking about clothing please send your child to school with a sun hat or wellies for use in school). P.E. lessons this term will be carried out in class sessions to allow safe use of the hall.

Tapestry:

Please continue to update observations of your reception children to ensure we have a broad understanding of their skills and interests.

Home Communication Booklet:

If you have any exciting or want to share news with us please continue to write in the book or talk to Mrs Sharpe or Ms Vincent when dropping or picking your child off at school. We are always here to talk to you.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sharpe, Ms Vincent, Mrs Holgate.