

Learning in Attenborough Class Spring 2024

Topics: Winter, Where we live, Fairy Tales, Easter

Our Enrichment Opportunities in Spring will be:

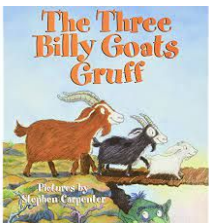
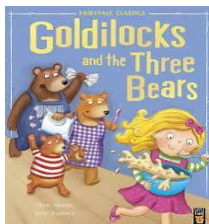
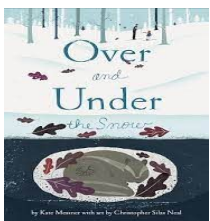
- Vet speaker from our local area
- National Railway Museum school trip
- Baby chicks hatching in our classroom in March
- Easter Church visits and services



In Literacy we will be developing our skills:

- By continuing to develop our comprehension, word reading and writing skills through doing a mixture of labelling and then building up to more independent simple and factual sentence writing. Our enthusiasm for writing will be built from what we are learning about in class and through many well known fairy tales over Spring 2. The children will be aiming to combine all the skills of hearing and recording sounds in words, including phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs.
- To write short dictated sentences and use a full stop.

Here are some of the **Literacy focus texts** for Spring:



Reminders :)

PE: We do PE on Thursdays

The children should all continue to make sure to bring their PE kits to school on this day. In their PE kits there should be appropriate outdoor footwear including plimsolls which will need to be named and kept at school. Please ensure that earrings are taken out on PE days



Library/Reading: Our library day is on Monday.

For your child to be able to change a book they must bring one back to return. We do Guided Reading together throughout the week but please remind your child to bring their book bag, planner and reading record to school every day!

In Maths we will be working on:

Our Maths sessions will consolidate our knowledge of numbers to 10, including:
Finding one more and one less.
Making pairs within 8.
Combining two groups of objects.
We will also comparing the length and height of objects



Fine Motor Skills

The EYFS Curriculum

Children in Reception will learn to:

Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons. Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.

How we learn at school:

In our classroom we have a dedicated 'Busy Fingers' area with a different fine motor activity and resources available for all children to access each week.

We teach handwriting each day, beginning with a dough disco session to warm up our hands. We then have a go at writing one of our sounds in the air and on the floor.

Your child will be supported to hold their pencil correctly, with a dynamic tripod grip. Here is an example of the correct grip.



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In RE we will be learning about:

The creation story and why is the word 'God' so important to Christians. We will also be thinking about how can we care for our wonderful world.

In PE we will be developing our:

Gymnastics and travelling skills to become more confident with this way of moving our bodies

In PSHE we will be learning about:

Our dreams and goals - by discussing how it feels when you achieve a goal and know what it means to feel proud. Then setting a new goal to work towards.



Thank you to all the children and parents for continued effort and support into the Spring term. We have lots of new exciting learning to be done during this term and I look forward to working with you all throughout it.

Miss Pomfret :)

Learning at home:

Make sure to still be reading with your child 2-3 times per week with their guided reading book and to sign their planners when you do a read together.

Also make sure to be going through the weekly phonics sheet that is sent home on a Friday. This really helps to secure the learning achieved during the week!



As children of St Barnabas, we will be...

Remembering to follow our school rules of **Ready, Respectful and Safe**, and showing others how they can follow them too. We will also be aiming to show our values of **Compassion, Courage and Creativity** in everything we do, whilst encouraging others to do the same.



In Phonics we will be learning:

In our phonics sessions we will continue to learn the phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs such as 'ar', 'air' and 'oo'. The children will be expected to write these sounds, joining the letters. We will practise sounding out and blending words using the sounds we have learned, as well as writing words and phrases using the new sounds.

Our phonics sessions will include work on 'tricky words' such as 'he', 'I' and 'the'. These words are not decodable and the children will read them by sight.

