

Dates for your diary

Monday 31st January
Chinese New Year Week

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Reception Chinese New
Year Assembly

Friday 18th February
End of Spring Term 1

Monday 28th February
Spring Term 2 Begins

Monday 28th February
Book week

Wednesday 2nd February
Y2 visit from Quirks Animal
Roadshow

Thursday 3rd March
World Book Day

Wednesday 16th March
Yr R visit to Rushall Farm

School News

Another full week over in Spring Term 1. How time flies when you are having fun! Despite the bitter cold this week, it has been wonderful to note some of the first signs of spring around the school grounds with some bulbs putting in an early appearance.

We would like to thank you all once again for your support in completing LFD tests for your children this week. It has really helped us to keep on top of the rising number of cases within school. We are doing our very best to ensure that school remains open and your help with this has been paramount!

For those of you that have been in isolation and for those who might find themselves in that situation in the future, we would like to remind you that we will set work on seesaw for your child. Please only complete the work if your son/daughter is well enough to do so. There is no expectation from us that all work will be completed. If you are also looking for additional things to do to keep your child occupied, you may find the following websites useful:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

You will find some of our school reading books on this site and can choose according to age or stage of reading.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary#>

You can choose either Year 1 or Year 2 and will find games and lesson plans with video clips to support your child's learning.

As the temperature continues to drop, please ensure your children bring in warm coats, hats and gloves as we do try to get outside for breaks and lunch despite the weather.

PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

PTA AGM Dates - TBC

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or catch someone on the playground –

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Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns we continued our learning with the help of the story 'The very hungry caterpillar'. We have learnt a song called 'Tiny Caterpillar' all about the life cycle of a caterpillar- the children have been fantastic at learning the words and the actions- why not ask them if they can sing it to you this weekend?

Outside in the sensory tray, the children felt through coloured rice and some discovered hidden foods that they could feed to the caterpillar. Some children have been able to remember a selection of the foods from the story and have begun to identify some the foods we offer at snack time too.

In the creative area the children have enjoyed independently cutting, gluing, and sticking different pieces of colourful paper to butterfly shapes- we have a few children attempting to write the initial for their name, which is brilliant. We try and encourage all children to make marks as this is the first big step to develop their handwriting and Literacy skills.

We have had colour sorting activities this week in both the tuff tray and the fine motor area- with the use of pompoms and tweezers. We have been hard at work learning different colour names and trying to correctly identify different colours.

We would like to remind parents that water bottles should be named and only contain water – not squash as we are a 'Healthy School' and are encouraging healthy lifestyle habits.

Many thanks

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

Well done to Acorns for learning so much this week! We have enjoyed reading, 'Little Red Riding Hood' and thinking about where the story is set and the characters in the story. We have acted the story out in our role play cottage using masks and props!

In maths, we have been ordering numbers and making number lines. We have been learning about colour mixing with paint using primary colours.

In outdoor learning, we did a rainbow colour hunt, and learned how to use a hole punch to make holes in leaves, just like the 'Hungry Caterpillar' ate through leaves.

We enjoyed learning this song from the Little Red Riding Hood story, 'I love red!' - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/music-ks1-little-red-riding-hood-song1/z74txyc>

Maple and Beech class (Reception)

In Reception this week we have continued learning the story of the Little Red Hen. This week we changed the story, adding a new character, a black dog for Maple and a Princess for Beech. We labelled the story map and created speech bubbles for the characters.

In maths we have been working on bonds to 5 ($1+4$, $2+3$, $0+5$ etc). We have worked out what might be the missing number, using the little speckled frogs to help us.

We have made our own salt dough to go in our Bakery this week, following a recipe. We also made bird feeders and little Red Hen collages.

Throughout this term we are learning how different faiths celebrate New Year.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week we have been writing the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and working hard to use our phonics knowledge when we are sounding out words. We are impressed with how well the children used the oral rehearsal of the story from last week to help them with their writing.

In maths each child has a 100 square and we have been learning how to use it. More children are becoming increasingly confident with reading and recognising numbers to 100, and we have begun to look at the pattern of odds and evens within 100. Whilst you are out walking, try to spot some 2 digit numbers and see if you can read them.

In ICT we have been learning how to type, and to use the cursor to click where we want to type. There is a Wanted poster for Goldilocks set as a 'To Do' on Purple Mash if you want to continue this at home.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

It's been another busy week in Year 2!

This week in English, the children have created their own Marvellous Medicine, and thought hard about the ingredients they'd like to put in it. We're so proud of the adjectives and expanded noun phrases the children have used to make their descriptions more exciting! They've also decided what magical effect their medicine might have on a grumpy, grouchy Grandma. Ask your child what ingredients they would put in their mixtures!

In maths, we've moved on to statistics, and the children have done a great job reading and collecting data and turning it into tally charts and pictograms. We've learned that collecting and displaying data like this is an efficient way of answering questions!

We've also continued to learn about famous nurses in history, and have started thinking about our roles as global citizens and how we can all make changes to help look after our environment.

For our spelling practice, we're working our way through the Great Grimms bundle with Sir Linkalot.

And finally, a request for donations! This term, we will be re-creating the story of George's Marvellous Medicine in our role play areas using mini play figures. If anyone has any unwanted playmobile figures (or similar) which the children could use to re-create the characters in the story, we would be very grateful! Thank you as always for your continued support!

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

This week in Bumblebees the children have been busy playing with dinosaurs and Barbies. They have been fantastic adapting to a slight change of routine, with year 1 staying in their own area. We are very proud of them all!

Friend



Dinner



Playtime



Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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Please click on the link below to access the new school lottery where you can win money and prizes whilst supporting the school. Please share this link with your friends and family. The more people that buy tickets, the better the prizes and the more money we raise. Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

The PTA

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/mrs-blands-infant-and-nursery-school>

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