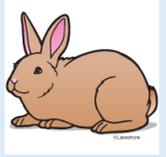




Spring Term 2 2026



Welcome to Spring 2

This term our main topics will be The Gingerbread Man and Our Local Area. For the first two weeks we will be learning about recipes and using them to make our very own gingerbread men and salt dough creations. We will then create our own recipe from what we have found out.

Towards the second half of this half term, we will move on to learning about People Who Help Us and different professions around St Ives. We will finish the term learning about the festival of Eid and how this is celebrated within our local community.

EYFS Maths Café

On Thursday 26th February, we will be hosting our Maths Café, at 9am in the school hall. Please join us for a cup of tea and to find out information about how we approach maths learning and how you might be able to support your child at home. Children will then come into the hall and take part in some maths activities with yourselves.

Healthy Living Week

Throughout the week beginning 16th March, Reception children will be joining in with Healthy Living Week. This week will support the children's learning around how to keep our bodies and brains healthy. Along with additional opportunities for mindfulness, brain breaks and physical activity, the children will engage in some hands-on cooking experiences. We will be choosing a food from around the world to cook, taste and then sell at our school's Food From Around the World event on Friday 20th March.

Reception Garden

As part of our topic about People Who Help Us, we will be discussing ways we can keep safe, including who are safe people to talk to. During these conversations, we will be reminding children about not talking to people walking along the pathway by our Reception garden. Please can we ask parents and carers to support us with this by not encouraging the children over to the fence line if you are walking passed. You are more than welcome to wave if you see your child, however we would like to ask that you do not stop to talk.

PE

Our PE lessons will continue to be on Wednesdays. Please can you ensure your child has their PE kits in school on this day. We will have our lessons in the school hall so children only need a t-shirt and shorts/leggings for their lessons.

Spare clothes

As the weather continues to be cold and wet, we would like to remind everyone to ensure that your child has a bag of spare clothes on their pegs. We use the garden and other outdoor areas in all weathers and children may occasionally get a little wet and muddy. Having their own spare clothes on their pegs, means children can quickly get into some clean, dry clothes and feel much more comfortable.

Over the last term, we have used up much of our school stock of spare clothes. If you think your child may have borrowed some, please could you check that these have been returned. If your child has outgrown any school clothes such as trousers, socks etc, please feel free to donate these to school for additional spare clothing.

Key Dates

Please remember to check our newsletters and website for all of our key dates.

Thursday 26th February - Reception and Nursery Maths parent/carer cafe, 9am in the school hall.

Monday 2nd March - World Book Week begins.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Thursday 6th March - ESA Bedtime Stories event

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th March - Parents Evening

Monday 16th March - Healthy Living Week

Monday 23rd March - Science Week

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this half term we will be thinking about our feelings and emotions, how others feel and what we can do to help them. We will also be continuing to build on our understanding of negotiating and working through problems.

Physical Development

Our P.E lessons will continue to focus on gymnastics with our sports coach, Stephen. We will be using these lessons to help us to gain more control in our gross motor actions, develop our balance and co-ordination skill and gain a better understanding of how our bodies work. All of this will then help us to work on our fine motor skills to aid our letter formation.

Communication and Language

Reception children will be developing their communication and language skills to enable us to share our views and opinions and how these might be similar or different to those around us.

We will be learning to use actions to help us recall and retell instructions and stories. We will use Talk for Writing to help us develop our understanding of key vocabulary to then be used in our own writing.

Literacy

This term we are going to have a Talk for Writing focus. This is where we retell key texts and stories using story maps and actions, eventually leading to the children being able to retell the whole of a story. We will also develop our small group times to help us focus on sentence writing and sentence structure including capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and question marks.

Mathematics

During the first part of the term we are going to be developing our understanding of the way in which numbers to 5 are made up and then build on this to learn more about bonds to 5.

We will then move on to investigate spatial reasoning, thinking about direction and how we can move and change shapes by turning and flipping them.

Understanding the world

This term we will link our Talk for Writing units to the Gingerbread Man story. During this topic we will find out how to make gingerbread men.

We will then move on to find out about people who help us and learn about different professions of people we may come across in St Ives. We will also be finding out about how science can help us, during Science Week.

Expressive Art and Design

During Expressive Art and Design activities we will be developing our planning skills and using our plans to then make our creations. We will then learn how to reflect on our planning to evaluate our work and think about what worked well and what we needed to change.