



OWLS & GOSLINGS

SPRING 2



Welcome to our Spring 2 newsletter. This is a short half term but we'll be packing as much in as we can! Mrs Chisman and Mrs Cross are always here to chat if you have any questions and can be contacted on owls@gooderstone.dneat.org or a quick chat after school. This half term, our theme is "Sowing a Seed".

Important Information

Mrs Sayers - PPA cover Mon am.
Mrs Cross - Mon pm, Tues and Wed.
Mrs Chisman - Thurs and Fri.
Miss Wilson - TA Mon-Wed, Fri.
Mrs Stanbridge - 1-2-1 support and TA Mon-Fri.

Woodland Wildlings: Monday afternoons

PE: Fridays

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSHE)

As a whole school, we are continuing to embed "An attitude of gratitude." and are also now focusing on growth mindset using our learning pit to help us use more positive talk when we're finding our learning tricky.

Communication and Language

We are remembering to use full sentences when we speak and to follow two part instructions - this is linked to our growing theme where we will be planting seeds.

We continue to chat to the children throughout the day, modelling new vocabulary and expressing ourselves.



Phonics and reading

Reception we are continuing Smashing Spelling sessions which focus on high frequency words.

We are continuing our daily phonics - we are applying our knowledge of digraphs and beginning to learn more trigraphs..

Nursery are continuing to explore a sound a week linked to a story. They will do a number of group activities to support understanding of the sound.



Maths

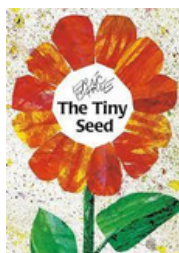
Opportunity to explore number, shape and measure is provided throughout our rich environment. **Reception** are learning about numbers 6,7,8 including how they are made up, odds and evens and doubles. We will move onto length, height and time.

Nursery enjoy short group time activities which include singing, games and counting and comparing objects. We will be exploring recognising numerals that are important to them.



Literacy

We are reading *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle. We will be exploring seeds, growing our own seeds and writing instructions for them. We are exploring the idea that something small (the seeds) can still grow to be big and strong. We will also talk about what the children want to be when they are older. We will also read other books including *The Extraordinary Gardener* and *I Will Never, Not Ever Eat a Tomato*.



Expressive Art and Design

Music: We are exploring music through stories including We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We will explore movements to match the tempo and pitch and learn that music and instruments can be used to convey moods or represent characters. We will play instruments as part of a group story.

Art and design: We will be practicing our mark-making skills using Get Squiggling. We will also be observing changes in the natural environment as Spring approaches and colour mixing.



Understanding the World

Science: We will explore plants on our SAW Day - finding out why plants have stems and what the parts of a plant are called.

During science week, we will explore the theme of time and do experiments including planting and growing seeds and noticing what happens to apples over time.

RE: Our RE theme is Easter. We are answering the question: Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden?

Much of our learning is driven by the children's interests and curious questions that they ask throughout the half term.

Physical Development

PE is on a Friday. We will be doing ball skills. We will handle equipment correctly and show increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it. Please send your child in wearing PE kit (navy or black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, a house t-shirt, a navy or black jumper or zipped top and suitable trainers). They can remain in PE kit all day.

Woodland Wildlings

Every Monday afternoon we will head down to the woodland. Please send your child in wearing suitable waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear (wellies). Spare clothes should be in a separate bag in case children get wet or muddy. Please ensure your child has plenty of layers and be prepared for them to get muddy. We are welcoming donations of hot chocolate.



Spare clothing

Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothing each day including underwear, tights and/or socks. Our spare clothing stash has dwindled over the last half term so that we no longer have any spare leggings or socks. We welcome donations if you have any spare and please return any that come home with your child.