



Spring term 2025 2nd half

Reception class newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a relaxing break and the children are ready to be busy! We will be stepping up the 'formal' learning now and encouraging the children to work at tables and in groups a little more. Our theme centres around the seasons and the changes between Winter and Spring. We will be observing changes that begin to happen over the next six weeks as Spring arrives and will be continuing with our nature walks. We will use mini themes of Worms, Rain/Rainbows, Nests, Baby Animals and Easter to enhance learning and provision this half term, depending on the children's interests.

In **Literacy**, we will begin with noticing snowdrops around our local area, drawing and painting them. We will be writing simple sentences using the starter 'I can see...' and applying phonic knowledge to our writing. We will continue with the wonderful Drawing Club, using a variety of texts to explore and be imaginative, as well as to encourage independent writing and ideas. We will be using *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* as our traditional story, along with other carefully chosen texts for the children to enjoy. We will be continuing with Phase 3 phonics, with the children working in two groups depending on their confidence in blending/segmenting. Children continue to receive a daily phonics session of 20 minutes. This will be focused a lot more on reading/writing captions and sentences, as well as securing blending and segmenting skills, learning new phonemes, digraphs, and tricky words. We will be focusing on forming letters correctly using our handwriting patten and begin handwriting sessions. If your child is writing at home, please encourage them to form letters correctly using the patten stuck in blue phonics books. Children will continue to bring home reading books to support their phonics learning and will continue to take part in weekly Guided Reading sessions in small groups (we call this Cosy Club).

In **Maths**, we will be moving on to recognise and understand numbers beyond 10 (11-15) and use Numberblocks to help us understand teen numbers as 10 plus a number. We will also continue to work in a practical way with numbers 0-10, securing understanding of number bonds and composition of numbers, along with part whole addition and subtraction. We will be learning about odd and even numbers and how to identify them, sharing and halving using objects, finding 1 more and 1 less and learning about measuring in different ways. We will also discuss 2D shapes and patterns.

Characteristics of learning

In Reception, we have a big focus on 'being a learner' and how to do this. We will be discussing and observing children's engagement in learning (child led but also adult directed!), their motivation to learn along with their thinking skills and ideas.

We will be continuing to follow the Charanga music scheme and may even send you some videos of our wonderful singing! P.E will continue to be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please make sure your child leaves their P.E kit in school all week. Miss Crowther will also continue with teaching art and R.E on Wednesday afternoons.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Boon and the EYFS team

Outdoor learning - children will have as much access to the outdoors as we can manage with our current staffing (where it is safe to do so). We do hope to get outside a lot more now that Spring is around the corner! We have an Outdoor Stay and Play session planned for Tuesday 1st April - please try and come along to this to see how we use our outdoors. We will be observing the changes to our local environment during the transition to Spring and bringing nature into our play and learning as much as possible. We will be taking the class on Nature Walks in our local area too to enhance their understanding of the current season and explore / have fun. Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Thompson, accompanies us on these walks but we also welcome parents / carers if you wish! The first walk this half term will be on Tuesday 11th March 2025 (afternoon).

Please remember you can send your Wow moments to: newstarters@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk - or use Tapestry to send photos and key moments if you wish.

Key dates this half term:

Monday 24th February 2025 - back to school

Tuesday 25th February - P.E starts

Thursday 27th February - Fire and Ice festival for parents / relatives 2pm

Monday 3rd March - class photos

Tuesday 4th March - Reception visit to The Green Playhouse

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Friday 7th March - Science Shows in school to launch Science Week

Monday 10th March - Science Week in school

Tuesday 11th March - nature walk - spring colours

This week - bike sessions with small groups - more info to follow

Friday 14th March - Science Fair for parents 3pm

Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day

Tuesday 25th March - library story sessions in school

Thursday 27th March - nature walk - spring

Friday 28th March - interim reports going home

Monday 31st March - Parent consultations 1.30-7pm

Tuesday 1st April - Reception outdoor Stay and Play

Thursday 3rd April - Reception visit to Briercliffe Lodge. PTA Movie Night.

Friday 4th April - finish for Easter holidays 1.30pm.

