



## Springs Curriculum

### Spring Term 4 : 2025-26

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely half term and welcome back to Term 4. Please find detailed below an overview of our learning in Springs this term.



**Topic:** Our topic this term is 'People who help us'. The children will be learning about a variety of different people who help us, such as police and fire officers, people who deliver letters, vicars, veterinary nurses, farmers and health workers, as well as the help they receive from family members at home. This will include some visits from members of the community in the above professions. If your job falls into this category, and you'd like to either talk to the children about your job or share photos, please let us know – the children would love to see you!

We will also be going on a couple of welly walks around the village to look for the signs of Spring, but this will be weather-dependent. We are hoping to go in the morning of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March between 9 am and 9.30am and also on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**Speaking, Listening, Writing:** We will introduce a writing session called "Drawing Club", in which we tell the class stories, teaching them new vocabulary. Then the children will have the opportunity to write or make marks linked to the day's story. This term's texts include Farmer Duck, The Jolly Postman, and The Enormous Turnip. We will also use two cartoons as a stimulus – Mr Benn and Wacky Races. We have a frieze on the wall of all the graphemes (letters) learnt so far which will support the children with their writing. Perhaps you'd like to try this at home too using the homework sheets which are identical to our frieze?

After reading 'The Jolly Postman', the children will have the opportunities to write postcards, letters and cards and post them in our classroom postbox. The children already write words based on the phonics lesson each day, but we will now start to encourage the children to have a go at writing a little more e.g. writing questions to ask the visitors that will be coming in. On a Monday, we would like to continue to encourage the children to talk about their weekends – please send your child in with photos or items to help prompt them.



**Phonics:** We will continue to look at digraphs which are two letters that make one sound, such as 'ar' and 'oo'. Please, please practise the grapheme sheets which come home every week with your child.

**Reading:** Thank you so much for listening to your child read regularly. We are so impressed with how well the children are reading. On a Friday, part of the phonics lesson is a reading session where the children read decodable books to each other in pairs; it really is a joy to see the children properly reading to each other and listening with respect.

**Maths:** This term we will be continuing to look at the composition of numbers as well as looking at subtraction and 1 more/less than a given number. We will also be comparing numbers.

**RE:** We will look at the Christian religion and the Easter celebration. We will make Easter gardens and do some Easter baking.

**PE:** On Thursday afternoons, we will be doing Dance and on a Friday afternoon, the children will practice some fundamental movement skills with Mr Fry.

**PSHE:** (Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Education) Our focus is on 'Rights and Respect'. This includes talking about how to look after people, being helpful at home and looking after money.

**Homework:** Please continue to hear your child read their school book daily and practise the weekly grapheme sheet. Please also read stories to your child on a regular basis; if you are busy, let your child listen to an audio book. Playing games like "Snakes and Ladders" or dominoes are fun but educational too. Have a look at BBC bitesize, [Home - BBC Bitesize](#), selecting "Primary" then select age Reception and Maths. Here is an example: [Numberblocks - See the Amount \(bbc.co.uk\)](#)

Any of the maths games on this free website would be suitable for your child to play. Please do contact us if you have any questions – either speak to us after school or email us at [letters@ogbourne.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:letters@ogbourne.excalibur.org.uk) and we will reply during school hours.

Best wishes,

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