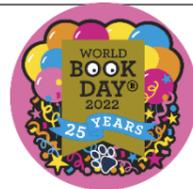


Important dates and Celebrations:

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| Monday | 28 th February | Maha Shivaratri | Hindu |
| Tuesday | 1 st March | Isra and Mi'raj | Muslim |
| Tuesday | 1 st March | St. David's Day | |
| Tuesday | 1 st March | Shrove Tuesday | Christian |
| Wednesday | 2 nd March | Ash Wednesday | Christian |
| Thursday | 3 rd March | World Book Day | Wear your comfy reading clothes and bring a soft friend to read with |
| Thursday | 17 th March | Purim | Jewish |
| Thursday | 17 th March | St Patrick's Day | |
| Friday | 18 th March | Holi | Hindu |
| Friday | 18 th March | Comic relief: Red Nose Day | Red noses will be available to buy from the school office soon |
| Sunday | 20 th March | March Equinox | |
| Sunday | 27 th March | Mothering Sunday | |
| Sunday | 27 th March | Daylight Saving Time starts | Clock change/Daylight Saving Time |
| Sunday | 3 rd April | Ramadan Start (Tentative Date) | Muslim |
| Sunday | 10 th April | Palm Sunday | Christian |
| Thursday | 14 th April | Maundy Thursday | Christian |
| Friday | 15 th April | Good Friday | Christian |
| Saturday | 16 th April | Holy Saturday | Christian |
| Saturday | 16 th April | First day of Passover | Jewish |
| Sunday | 17 th April | Easter Sunday | Christian |
| Monday | 18 th April | Easter Monday | Bank holiday |



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

RISE UP



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a windy start to this half term and we are excited to get swept away in our new topic. The children will be learning about the people who help us in our community and we are arranging a visit from the firefighters so we can learn more about them! We are excited for the arrival of Spring and all the colour and joy this brings and the celebrations of Easter and Holi towards the end of the half term. As always, please let us know if you have questions and we will be happy to support you in developing your child's learning. Many thanks, Apple Tree team.

RISE UP

Spring 2 2022

Maths

Children will be exploring a range of mathematical concepts such as developing their confidence in counting to 20 as well as counting back and knowing one more and one less. Children will also be exploring a range of capacity and weight concepts by labelling items as full, half full, empty and heavy, heavier, heaviest, light, lighter, lightest.

Phonics

Daily phonics sessions continue in Reception, with opportunities to apply the sounds they have learnt through daily writing sessions and guided reading sessions. Children are also encouraged to write independently in their play such as in the home corner when making shopping lists, or in the construction area when planning and labelling their creations.

Parents can support reading and writing at home by practicing the sounds that letters name and encouraging children to write on paper or notebooks.

Talk 4 Writing (T4W)

The children take part in daily Talk 4 Writing activities which provide children with language to retell, create and eventually write their own stories. This half term we will be focusing on language to develop their stories such as 'first, last, might, maybe, above and in-between'.

Core Text/Book

Our core texts will be The Train Ride and Bog Baby. Children will also read a range of non-fiction texts about the people who help us, and texts about Spring and lifecycles.

Music

Children will be exploring music through their weekly Music sessions as well as through songs and rhymes. The Train Ride offers children a basis to create their own rhymes and raps. We will be singing songs such as Incy Wincy Spider and Ladybird Ladybird towards Spring.

This half term in Reception ...

Understanding the World

A continuous theme throughout the half term will be an exploration of 'Community' and 'People who help us'. Our outdoor role play has transformed into the emergency services, for children to explore the firefighter, police, doctor and dentist professions. Spring will give an opportunity to plant some bulbs and seeds and observe over time what might grow. Holi and Easter towards the end of the half term will be learnt about and celebrated, comparing the festivities to children's own experiences.

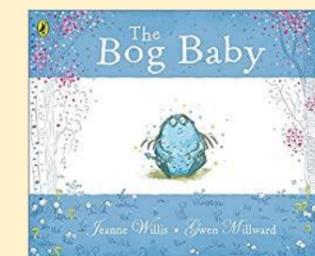
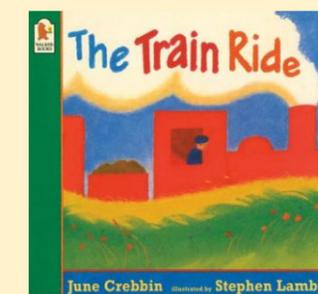
Religious Education

Our RE unit this half term has the big question 'How did Jesus rescue people?' This will introduce children to many different bible stories and an opportunity to explore different emotions, be able to name and discuss emotions and feelings and when they may have experienced them.

Art

This half term the children will be using recycled materials to create trains and use them for their own 'The Train Ride' stories. As we learn about Spring, the children will have a chance to look closely at spring flowers and paint and draw what they see. The celebration of Holi is a great chance to explore patterns, colour and colour mixing!

We are reading:



Just a
reminder...



Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes on their peg.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit on **Tuesday** for their lesson.

Home readers will be available on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** at pick up time.

Please support your child in being more independent with coats, zips and shoes.