



Welcome back to our Pre School Classes, after our Half Term holiday.

A very warm welcome to Mrs Gardner who joined Sunflower Class last term.

Topic: Our main topic and themes this term are "Traditional Tales" and "Spring and Easter"
Our learning challenges will be: *What makes a good story? What's a good way to start a story? What makes a happy ending? Who are the good/bad characters in a story?*

Please continue to send in your child's bookbag **twice** a week, so that they can choose a book to share at home. These books are for you to read to your child, and notes of their enjoyment of the stories can be recorded in their reading record. If your child doesn't have a book bag, they can be purchased from the uniform shop.

All planning is displayed on the office noticeboard, and a copy of the Curriculum Map and Newsletter are displayed on our classroom windows. You will be given a copy of both documents at the beginning of term. Weekly planning is also displayed on the window and weekly updates are sent to you via our class DOJO. Our class page, on the website, is updated regularly and includes photos of our learning journey.

Please keep us up to date with any relevant home/school news.

If your child is unwell, you need to contact the school office directly. Children should attend school every day and parents should aim for good attendance. Good attendance can help your child make friends and learn social skills, build good habits for school and future learning, help them to play, learn and have fun and develop in each area of learning.



Information:

- Please spend time reading and sharing books at home. You can find some useful information about the importance of reading on: oxfordowl.co.uk and booktrust.org.uk/bathbookbed.
- Wellcomm (Speech and Language) and Mulberry Bush (PSED) interventions will continue this term, for some of our children.
- Please practise self- dressing skills with your child at home, especially shoes and socks/tights - this is useful for our weekly Wednesday PE lesson in the school hall. All of the children need further practise with coats, zips and buttons.
- We use our garden every day, and in all weather. Please make sure that you send your child to school with a jacket /hat/gloves and boots, during the Winter and Spring months.
- **The £2.00 donation for snack and baking** for this term is now due. This is paid via Parent pay. Thank you to parents who donated last term.
- Please ensure that you let us know if there are any updates with any prescribed medicines/dietary needs/telephone numbers.

Important Dates for Term 4:

- Mon 23rd Feb - Beginning of Term 4
- Friday 27th March - Last day of Term 4



FUN AT HOME IDEAS!

- Read some Traditional Tales at home and talk about the characters in the stories.
- Make up a story bag with props from your favourite traditional tale and use it to retell the story – think about the story sequence.
- Talk about your favourite story.
- Practise brushing your teeth every morning and bedtime.
- Plan a little party for your family. Design invitations, make sandwiches and cakes and decide what games you're going to play. Make party hats for everyone.
- Talk about baby animals/ baby farm animals and go for a walk and look for baby animals.
- Organise a family visit to Roves Farm or Farmer Gow's
- Read stories and poems about farm animals and look at non fiction books
- Visit a Garden Centre and look at their Easter displays. Find and name some of the flowers that grow in the Spring.
- Plan an Easter egg hunt – indoors or outdoors. Have fun sorting all the little eggs by size and colour and do lots of counting.
- Have a bowl of porridge for breakfast, just like Goldilocks. Try different cereals at breakfast time and decide what one you like best. Have toast for breakfast and try a different topping every morning.
- Look at the houses in your street and discuss what they're built from. Walk around Faringdon and look at new and old houses, little houses and big houses. Look at images of large houses and castles and different homes around the world.
- Spend time in your garden and plant some pansies and primulas/primroses. Talk about Spring time and look for signs of Spring, when you're out and about.
- Paint patterns on hard boiled eggs and find a hill to roll them down.
- See how far you can count and think about the numbers from 0 to 10 and what they look like
- Continue to look for and name shapes - indoors and outdoors.
- use buttons, counters or bricks to create repeating patterns. Look for materials and objects that have patterns printed on them and talk about the patterns you can see.
- Think about the language of size, position and capacity and enjoy practical experiences exploring these concepts.
- Keep practising **cutting with scissors** and sticking with glue sticks.
- Keep practising holding a pencil and writing your name.
- Complete some jigsaw puzzles – you might have some fairy tale puzzles or some farm puzzles.
- Play board games together.
- Draw beautiful designs and patterns on Easter eggs.
- Bake and decorate a gingerbread man.
- Dress up as a prince or princess and watch your favourite Disney film.

