

Communication and Language:

We will be using Big Talk to develop our speaking skills, which in turn help us with writing. We will practise articulating our ideas clearly, expanding our vocabulary and using joining words such as 'because', 'and' and 'then'.

We will be learning to explain our ideas in more detail this term and link more than one together in a sentence.

We will also be learning to use positional language in Maths and story telling language in Literacy.

Understanding the World:

We will be looking at how different people celebrate this half term, including learning about the Easter story and why this is a special celebration for Christians. We will learn about how Easter is celebrated around the world. We will also learn about the period of lent in the run up to Easter and what this signifies.

We will also be looking at different habitats around the world and thinking about animals that live locally to us, the environment they live in and how to take care of them. This will also feature in our Living Egg Project when we have our duckling eggs delivered.

Maths:

We will be continuing to use our White Rose scheme in Maths this half term. We will start by exploring and comparing length and height using non-standard units of measurement. This will be followed by learning how to use language relating to time.

Our exploration of the composition of numbers will continue this half term with our focus being on the numbers 9 and 10, as well as being able to recall number bonds.

We will finish this half term consolidating our knowledge of shapes and beginning to explore 3D shapes in more detail.

Physical Education:

We will continue our daily Busy Fingers session which focus on our fine motor activities to build upon and strengthen muscle development. We also have opportunities for gross motor skills in our garden that change weekly.

PE Sessions:

We will be practising our ball skills this half term, working on throwing, catching and rolling. We will also be learning how to dance and move in time to the music in preparation for our Fairy Tale Ball.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This half term we are focusing on how to take care of ourselves. We are learning about healthy food and how to prepare food for our Fairy Tale Ball. We will also be learning about how to keep our teeth healthy as well as hygiene such as washing our hands to wash germs away. The children will be developing their independence skills, including how to do up a zip, cut up their food, put on their own shoes and coat and get changed for PE.

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Literacy:

We will be continuing to follow the Monster Phonics programme and will be learning more phase 3 digraphs this half term. We are also developing our sight recall of High Frequency Words to improve children's fluency in reading, and this will be our focus in Friday's phonics sessions.

We will be starting a new key text this half term called 'The Pirates are Coming' by John Condon. This learning will culminate in the children writing from the perspective of one of the pirate characters.

Expressive Arts and Design:

We will be focusing on being imaginative and creative. We will be exploring different types of music and responding to them based on what we can hear and whether we like them. The children will be creating dances for their fairy tale ball, learning to move in time to the music, how to side step and spin.

The children will also be able to use props when retelling familiar as well as new fairy tale stories.





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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. We are excited about the run up to Easter and have lots of exciting things planned for this half term, including our Fairy Tale Ball, World Book Day and the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Reading: *The children are asked to read for 15 minutes daily – you should record in their Reading Record every time you hear them read. We also use the reading record to record reading at school, so please make sure that it is in the school bag every morning. This is one of the best ways you can support your child and their learning at school.*

Big Talk: *We will be using Big Talk to develop our speaking skills, which in turn help us with writing. Our Big Star Suitcase will continue to be sent home with a different child each week so that it can be filled with objects for discussion.*

Learning Book and Wow Moments: *Please do add information about your child and photos to Learning Book to let us know your child's achievements at home, the children enjoy sharing these with their friends at school. If you need any further details for how to log in, please contact the office at admin@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk.*

Please have a look at the Year R page on the school website. You will find curriculum information and photos of class activities. If you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us.

Kind Regards,

Miss White, Miss Rietzler, Miss Himsworth