

Reception Newsletter Spring 1 Term 2021

Welcome back children and families! We hope you had a lovely break.

Don't Forget...



- Children need to have their book bags and reading records in school every day.
- Please don't forget to login to your Tapestry account regularly. This is where we will keep you updated with your child's learning. We also post home learning activities here for you to support your child at home. Mrs McGee will be sending out a how-to guide this week on how to upload your own posts to Tapestry if you are unsure.
- Please ensure you can login to DB Primary – you will have received a login card last term. Let us know if you cannot login. It is important you can do this from home as we will provide home learning on DB Primary should your child need to isolate.
- In the event of a class bubble closure, we will now email two weeks of work to you so that your child has daily online lessons for Literacy, Maths and other areas.
- Lots of our exciting moments are tweeted. Follow us at @shakespearels9

Key dates...



- Monday 4th January – return to school
- Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th - NHS School Nursing Height and Weight programme for Reception
- Creature Ark visit – Thursday 21st January
- Thursday 11th February – break up for half term
- Friday 12th February – training day
- Please check Tapestry every Monday. Mrs Brealey will be posting weekly with helpful attachments to support your child's home learning in Maths and Phonics.
- New home reading books will be given out every Monday and collected on a Friday
- A library book will come home on a Friday for you to share as a family

Hands, Face, Space campaign

Alongside our other safety measures we will continue to be talking to children about the government's 'Hands, Face, Space' campaign: urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates of Covid-19.



Our Learning Project for Spring 1 is 'Why Don't Snakes Have Legs?'

We continue to value the children's own contributions to their curriculum. Our next project is derived from our observations of the children's interests and learning needs. The children showed high levels of involvement in our last project, particularly around the theme of dragons. We have developed a project following on from this, focused on reptiles. As part of this project we will:

- Reignite the children's interest with a COVID-19 secure visit from reptile experts Creature Ark on 21 Jan.
- Develop the children's art skills through a six week art project based on pointillism. The children will create their own reptile paintings using the technique.
- Study pattern and shape through exploration of reptile colours, scales and camouflage.
- Share and retell a range of texts linked to the theme, including *There's a Snake in My School*, *The Foolish Tortoise*, *The Selfish Crocodile* and a range of non-fiction books about reptiles.
- Enjoy a fabulously re-vamped classroom with areas set up to support the theme.

In other areas of learning

- In Maths we will start with number bonds to five before moving on to mastering numbers 6-10. Please check on Tapestry for our weekly teaching slides to support you helping your child with their number sense at home.
- In Phonics we will continue with Letters and Sounds Phase 3. Please look out for our weekly Phonics slides on Tapestry to show you which phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school that week.
- The children will continue to enjoy a trip to our running track to keep healthy and active.
- Over the next term we will be focusing on developing our outdoor space in time for Spring and Summer. We will be asking for parental involvement in our decision making – please look out for further information to come.

