



# Shakespeare Primary School and Nursery

## Reception Newsletter Spring 2 2022

### Don't Forget...

- Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school everyday. We are teaching your child the skills to become readers. Please look at their home reading book together and encourage them to blend and read the words.
- Please use your Tapestry account so that we can share with each other your child's WOW learning moments from home and school.
- Every week, slides to support your child's learning in Phonics will be posted to Tapestry. Please use these to help you support your child's reading and writing at home.
- Also, each week on Tapestry you will find a Word Mat explaining the vocabulary we will be teaching your child in school that week. Please reinforce the words with the children at home to help retain them.
- Lots of our exciting moments are tweeted. Follow us at @shakespearels9

### Important Dates

- School reopens Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February
- World Book Day is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Reception will enjoy an author visit from Steve Weatherill, author of the Baby Goz series.
- Our duck hatching project begins on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- School closes for the holidays Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

### Our Learning Project for Spring 2 is...Nature Explorer

Our key question we will be finding the answer to is: What hatches from an egg?

This project has been developed to focus on the current change in season and other changes that occur within nature. Following on from huge interest in nature and the concept of growing from last term's text 'Errol's Garden', there will be a huge element of growing, growth and change within the project. The project will also be an excellent continuum of the children's interest in learning about and exploring local birds and wildlife. In Nature Explorer we will explore lifecycles from start to finish and learn about animals that hatch from egg. We will even have real life hatching opportunities provided as part of the project, including a duckling and butterfly hatching project! We will share fiction and non-fiction books to develop the children's understanding. The books will provide provocations and key learning to understand life cycle processes.

#### Other Areas of Learning

- Maths – Digging deeper with length and height, including measuring objects using non-standard measures. Representation, comparing and composition of 9 and 10 with one-to-one correspondence, concept images, corresponding shapes and ordering numbers. Number bonds to 10, automatically recalling number bonds to 10 through maths activities and songs.
- PE – Continue to carry out sequences and speeds of moves in the outdoor space, such as playground equipment, simple apparatus, etc. Continue to develop, aim, pass or bat a medium-sized ball with a peer. Refine use of a balance bike with accuracy and safety.
- Art – Create inks from natural materials, including petals and leaves. Use leaves and cotton burlap to create prints through a dipping/ blotting method to create a tie dye bag.
- Phonics – We begin Letters and Sounds Phase 4

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