



# EYFS Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term



We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for an exciting New Year with us at Merebrook.

The staff in Early Years are:

Miss Elliott (Cygnet Class Teacher and EYFS Lead)

Mrs Kern (Duckling Class Teacher)

Mrs Lawson (Early Years Teaching Assistant and Forest School Lead)

Mrs Holland (Early Years Teaching Assistant)

We are looking forward to continuing with all our learning and over the next 2 terms will begin to prepare your children for their move into Keystage 1 in September.

Topics for this term will be:

Spring Term 1 - People Who Help Us

Spring Term 2 - Pirates and Growing

## The Curriculum

### Communication, Language and Literacy

Within our literacy lessons we will be learning about non-fiction texts how to use these types of books to find out information about different people who work within our local community. With this information we will be learning to label pictures, write non-fiction information about the different people and learn to write letters. During the topic of pirates we will be looking at adjectives to describe the pirates and use these to make WANTED posters. Through circle times and discussions, we will continue to encourage the children to speak in full sentences and to explain and elaborate on their thoughts and ideas. During Read, Write Inc sessions, children will continue to learn their letters and sounds and practise applying these in a daily read and write.

### Mathematics

Maths teaching will continue to focus on recognising numbers and counting accurately. We will also look at 1 more and 1 less than a given number and will teach the children to use strategies such as counting on and back, using a number line to help and using practical resources to do so. We will also introduce the concept of addition and subtraction in practical activities and learn our number bonds to 5 and then 10. Knowing these number bonds will support the children's mental maths skills. We will be learning to recognise 2D and 3D shapes, their names and their properties.

### Curriculum Links

Through our topic links we will be learning about the different equipment the different people who help us use, find out about the different vehicles they use also. In Art and Design we will be exploring colour and finding out about what happens when we mix colours. In science we will be investigating different reflective materials to help design a new emergency services uniform and exploring objects that float and sink, based around the topic of Pirates. We will also be holding our annual EYFS 'Healthy Week' where the children will be learning all about keeping their bodies healthy through exercise, healthy eating and cleaning routines. In this week we will be making fruit kebabs, vegetable soup and fruit smoothies.

In the weeks leading up to the Easter break will be learning about the Easter Story, new life and growing.

A friendly plea...as always we are looking to continue growing lots of plants, including fruit and vegetables in our allotment area. However, compost is an expensive resource so if any parents out there have any spare bags of compost they would like to donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

## Homework

### Homework Books:

Please remember to complete homework and return it on the specified day. Work with your child to help them complete their homework but please do not do it for them.

### Reading:

Your child will bring home a reading book on a Monday and a Thursday. Remember to write a comment in the home/school book so we know the book has been read and ready to be changed.

### Library:

Children will now be visiting the library every Wednesday afternoon. The book they bring home will be their own selection. We ask that you take time to share the book with your child and then return it to school the following Wednesday.

We have noticed that a number of Homework books are getting damaged or have not been returned for some time. We ask that Homework books are treated with the same care and respect as school reading books. If your homework book is damaged or lost a charge of £1.00 will be asked for to cover the cost of a replacement book.

### A few reminders:

PE: Is on a Tuesday. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school.

Forest School: Is every Friday. Please ensure your child is wearing their kit and brings their uniform in a bag.

Dates for your Diary:  
Friday 20th March -  
Celebration of Work  
Afternoon