



Elder



Mulberry



Half Way Through the Year!

A huge well done to all our children for reaching half way through their first year of school! They have come so far and we are so proud of them.

Learning in Term 4

The texts we have chosen for this term incorporate the themes of Pets, Spring, Ponds and Eggs (both real and chocolate)! You can see the key texts and curriculum mapping on the Term 4 website page.



Pets Project

In the first two weeks of Term 4 we will be reading books about pets. We would like to invite children to photograph their pet or make a short documentary video-clip. These can be shared via Evidence Me and your child can tell the whole class. It is a great opportunity for speaking and listening. Often other children have questions to ask. If you do not have a pet, your child could document a pet they know or a pet they would like to have. We are looking forward to learning about all of these animals!

Signs of Spring

Continuing our observations of the world around us, we will begin to spot signs of spring as they appear. If the children spot signs of spring while out and about, they could photograph and share through Evidence Me.



Forest School

It is our turn for Forest School in Term 4. ☺ On the day your child has forest school, please send them to school in warm and (where possible) waterproof clothes. Please bring hats, gloves and wear an extra pair of socks so all extremities are warm enough. Please bring school uniform and spare pants and socks in a bag to change into in case they get muddy. This time of year can be very muddy! If you have registered with school as a volunteer, we would love to have you come and join the forest school fun.

Mulberry: Thursday (starting week 1)
Elder: Wednesday (starting week 2)



Reading

Please, please, please try to listen to your child read at least 3 times a week at home and write in the yellow reading record. It makes such a big difference to progress. The whole book does not need to be read in one go. A few pages at a time, re-reading for fluency, is often enough.

Common Exception Words

In your child's book bag is a bag of the common exception words we have learnt so far. Children can use these as flashcards to practise. If they already know how to read these, they can begin to practise writing them.

Writing

We are having a big focus on letter formation and using finger spaces this coming term.

Volunteers

If you are interested in regularly volunteering at school, please contact the office for a volunteer application pack. The application process can take a long time but once your application is processed, you will be able to volunteer for trips, reading, forest school and more. Your input is really valued.

P.E. Kits

Thank you very much for the well-named bags and kits you have provided. In term 4, the plan is to do tag rugby outdoors. Children may benefit from having leggings/joggers and a jumper added to their PE bags. Please check that daps/trainers still fit.

Welcome

A student named Miss Curtis has been working in Mulberry class for a day a week. In term 4, she will be working full-time across the Reception unit.

Key Dates

- Tues 20th Feb - first day of term
- Thurs 7th March - World Book Day and Pyjamas and Story 4-5pm
- Tues 19th and Thurs 21st March parents evenings.
- Thurs 28th March - last day of term

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Upham, Miss Ireland, Mrs Gearing, Mrs Seymour, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Dando, Mrs Wickens and Miss Baxter