

# **Early Years Talk-Talk**

# Friday 26th February 2021





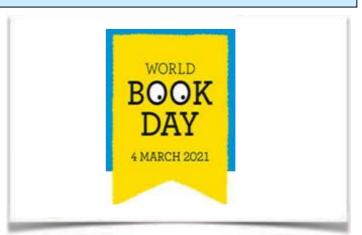
I hope that you have all had a lovely, relaxing half-term break. Spring is nearly here, the morning and evenings are getting lighter, flowers are starting to bloom and the vaccination rollout is going extremely well so we are all feeling very optimistic about the future!

For now, I can confirm that all children will return to school from Monday 8th March 2021 and that we will also be reopening our breakfast and after school club provision with Jozone from this date too!

We cannot wait to welcome the children back. There are significant benefits for the children in returning to school, including rebuilding friendships, establishing social engagement and boosting physical and mental wellbeing to name just a few.

We will continue to operate in much the same way as we have done in the Autumn term with year group and class bubbles, staggered drop off and collection arrangements and separate break and lunchtimes. I would like to reassure you that we are taking every possible step in line with the Government guidance to keep our school community safe. Our team are working incredibly hard to prepare for the children's return to school. They are doing an amazing job and I am very proud of their ongoing efforts. It really will be emotional to have everybody back again very soon...

I must say that your support during this time has been fantastic and we are grateful that we have been able to pull together as a community during such a challenging time. Thank you.



### Message from Early Years

Welcome back for another exciting half term ©

What a fantastic week of learning this week. We have started our new theme 'Are Eggs alive?' Have a look at our eggs in the classroom. I wonder what could be inside them? Some of the children guessed that it could be a chick, dinosaur or even a hedgehog!

This week we have had a discussion about Spring. Altogether we talked about what we already know about Spring and came up with questions about what we want to find out during our theme over the next couple of weeks.

During this week, we have completed lots of challenges such as making dinosaurs out of box modelling, counting spring objects, writing what characters say in the story 'The Little Red Hen', painted dinosaurs, labelled dinosaurs, made dinosaurs out of playdough, threading objects and much more.

#### Reception Children (All Children)

Please could you send into school a family photo and a photo of your child reading a book at home which will be displayed in the Home and Reading Corner in the classroom.

Please send photos in via the bubble email or if your child is currently at school please send them into school with your child. Thank you.

### World Book Day 2021

World Book Day is scheduled to take place on 4th March 2021 which is before the anticipated full school return. To celebrate World Book Day, we would like everyone to do lots of reading and listening to stories.

Details have now been sent via MyEd of what we will be doing throughout the day, you may dress up as your favourite book character or wear non-uniform. This is for both in school and remote learners. There is no donation required although gratefully received.





Welcome back to everyone after half term. We hope you had a lovely week and a well-deserved rest.

The weather has definitely been a bit brighter this week and we have been busy in the forest looking for the first signs of Spring. We spotted crocuses, daffodils and snow drops and the children noticed small buds on the trees which will hopefully turn into blossom by the end of term.

We have been learning to wash our hands really well and realising how important it is to clean them thoroughly. Mrs Rigby painted pretend germs on the children's hands and then we did a really good job of washing them off!

Our new theme is 'Are Eggs Alive?' where we have been talking about animals and their young as well as birds nesting and laying eggs. This week, we talked about dinosaur eggs and made caves and a swamp for the dinosaurs to lay their eggs and look after their babies.

We have also been doing some eggciting Science experiments! The children saw what happened when we soaked a hard-boiled egg in vinegar and it turned into a bouncy ball!

Our very favourite experiment was when we balanced an egg on a cardboard tube over a cup of water. We knocked the tube out of the way and the egg landed in the water! The children enjoyed this, although we did smash a few eggs on the way!





Our Reception children make us proud every week with their learning!

Take a look at this week's activities...





