



### Welcome

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break and are ready to come back for another term at school. We have an exciting term planned this half term! This half term we will be learning all about Spring and how plants and animals change during this time of year.

### Phonics

The children have been working so hard learning their phonics sounds and we are very proud of them! The children move around for phonics, so will be going to different classrooms with different teachers, depending on what stage of RWI they are at. Lots of our children moved up to the next group before the break and we are so proud of them.

*Please remember to read with your child three times a week and record it in their yellow reading record.*



### Important

Please make sure that you are signed up to Google Classroom and continue to check it regularly. This is the platform we use to send out any messages, home learning and any extra exciting bits we think of.

### Maths

In maths this half term we will be exploring :

- Identifying more than and less than numbers to 10.
- Adding numbers together to make numbers between 5 and 10.
- Counting verbally to 20 and beyond.
- Number bonds to 5 and 10.

### Favourite five

This half term our favourite five stories are:

- Oscar and the Frog
- Oliver's Vegetables
- Caterpillar Shoes
- The Big Book of Bugs
- Jasper's Beanstalk

We will be looking at one of these books each week. We will focus on the characters, setting and the vocabulary in the books.

### Understanding the world

This half term we will be exploring the world around us at Spring. We will learn about animal life cycles, growing plants and the signs of spring. We will be planting seeds, hunting for minibeasts and hatching our own butterflies.





### Writing

The children have made so much progress with their writing! They are becoming super writers and lots of them are now writing sentences. This half term we will continue to focus on building confidence when writing CVC words and will be extending our sentences to start making longer texts. We will be continuing to encourage the children to do this by applying their phonics skills.

### Uniform

Please see below our uniform policy. This is what we expect the children to come to school in every day. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

#### Daily Uniform

- Emerald green crew neck sweatshirt or cardigan with Federation logo
- White polo shirt or a white shirt/blouse
- Grey trousers/shorts or grey skirt/pinafore
- Grey/white socks or tights
- Green summer dress
- Appropriate and sensible black flat shoes – trainers can be worn providing they are all black with a black sole

#### PE Kit

- According to designated house team a red/yellow/green/blue t-shirt with Federation logo
- Black shorts
- Black trainers
- Hooded emerald green sweatshirt with Federation logo
- Plain black jogging bottoms

### A friendly reminder

Please make sure that all of your child's belongings are named. This includes lunchboxes and water bottles as well as uniform. We still have a lot of un-named jumpers in our jumper boxes from last term. It is really hard for us to make sure the children have all of their belongings at the end of each day if things are not labelled.

Please also make sure that each day your child comes to school with clothes that are appropriate for the weather. We have noticed some children have not been coming to school with a warm, waterproof coat.

