



Commonswood Nursery and Primary School

Spring Term in Reception

Dates to remember

13.02.24: Learning Review Meeting 3:20pm-6:00pm

15.02.24: Learning Review Meeting 3:20pm-6:10pm

Half Term: 19.02.24 - 23.02.24

27.02.24: Parent Book Look 3:10pm—4:00pm

07.03.24: World Book Day—Pyjama Day

School closes for Easter: 28.03.24 12:30pm

E-Safety Theme: January - Self Image and Identity
February - Managing Online Information
March - Privacy and Security

Emotions of the term: Happiness and Sadness

Literacy: Reading

Our first Talk4Writing text is 'Cops and Robbers' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We will become investigators to solve a mystery in school, just like the 'cops' in the story.

Our second Talk4Writing text is 'Jim and the Beanstalk' by Raymond Briggs. We might be left letters and items to discover by a **big** character from the story.

For both stories we will retell the story using story language and make up our own versions of the story.



Literacy: Writing

We will be writing words containing our new vowel digraphs and trigraphs.

We will be learning to write longer captions or phrases containing multiple words with finger spaces in between.

We will be introducing writing sentences and learning to apply key features of a sentence such as, capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.



Phonics

We will be learning vowel digraphs (two letters that make one sound) and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound) this term. These are: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, **oo**, ar, or, er, ur, ow, oi, ear, air.

We will also be learning new tricky words: are, we, you, was, they, my, by, all, sure, pure.

We will introduce words containing two digraphs such as 'shark' and words ending with 'ing' such as 'chatting'.



Physical Development

Fine motor skills— We will be continuing our daily busy fingers to build the strength in our hands and finger muscles. This will help our pencil grips as we form letters. We are focusing on letter formations and ensuring each letter is formed correctly.

Gross motor skills— We will be learning to move our bodies to a beat of eight through our dance PE lessons. We will also practice our balancing skills, stopping safely and exploring different movements we can make with our bodies.



Mathematics: Number

We will be reconsolidating our subitising skills (identifying a quantity through sight, without having to count). We will be matching numerals up to 5 with the corresponding quantities. We will be comparing groups of items and saying which has more or less and we will begin to identify '1 more'. We will deepen our understanding of composition of number (what each number is composed of, for example, 3 is composed of 2 and 1).



Mathematics: Shape, Measure and Space

We will explore 2D shapes. We will learn that 2D shapes are always flat. We will use mathematical terms to name and describe the shapes, for example: "A triangle has 3 corners and 3 sides."

We will be introducing 3D shapes and comparing them to 2D shapes. We will learn that 3D shapes are solid and are therefore different to 2D shapes. For example, although a ball is round it is not a flat circle; it is a sphere.



Communication and Language

We will be learning new vocabulary from our Talk4Writing texts. We will be encouraged to use these through our imaginative play and story telling.

We will continue to use our good listening ears during carpet and group times.



Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be exploring our dreams and goals. We will discuss things we find tricky and challenging and ways to overcome them.

We will learn about how to keep ourselves healthy. We can do this through a balanced diet, exercise, sleep and expressing our emotions.



Wanderlust

We will observe how the seasons change from winter to spring, identifying signs of these seasons. We will pay particular attention to how the trees change over the coming months.



Understanding the World

Linked to our Talk4Writing texts, we will be learning about people who help us. For example, police officers and dentists. If you have a job where you help people and would be willing to visit us, please let us know!



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning about the artist Eliyakota Samualie and exploring her animal artwork, particularly focusing on owls. This will inspire our own owl artwork in different mediums.



Reminders:

- PE kits should arrive in school on a Monday and will be sent home on a Friday.
- Reading books need to be in the children's bookbags **everyday**. Reading groups and days are subject to change.
- We thank you for consistently ensuring children's homework is uploaded on time. This helps the children to consolidate their learning and boost their confidence when they are able to share their learning with the class.

