

EYFS Curriculum Newsletter- Spring Term (II)



Welcome back!

The children have settled back in really well after their half term break. Here are just a few things I wanted to share with you for this half term. There are lots of dates for your diary in this newsletter and on Mr Marshall's newsletters over the coming weeks.

This half term our new topic theme is **Down at the Bottom of the Garden**. In English we will be thinking about plants, seeds and gardening with our focus texts- The Tiny Seed and The Extraordinary Gardener. We will be finding out about the changing season as spring officially begins on 20th March and looking for signs of spring in Outdoor Explorers. We will be exploring Christianity and Easter in RE. In maths our focus will be representation and composition of 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, exploring counting back from 10, making 10 (number bonds), number comparisons within 10 and exploring 3D shapes and pattern with a final spring term consolidation. We are exploring Light and Shadows in our Science lessons. Daily phonics sessions will continue and we are working hard on our Phase 3 sounds. In PSHE we are focussing our discussions on gratitude and being thankful. We will even starting our French lessons this half term! Phew! It's going to be a busy half term.

Maths Stay and Play

Thank you to all our parents and carers for coming to our Maths Stay and Play last half term. We hope it was useful, and that you enjoyed staying to play. I know the children loved it!

Reading and Bug Club:



It's great to see most children logging on to Active Learn Bug Club and even better to hear such positive feedback from parents. The extra practice and help at home really is beneficial to the children. Thank you for all your support with reading books. It's great reading parent comments and sharing their reading journey with you. Keep looking at the phonics mats. Phase 3 is quite a difficult phase and your support and encouragement at home is vital. The more practise the better!

World Book Day 2025- Friday 7th March

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March. We are inviting children to come into school in their pyjamas or comfy cosies to link with the 2025 theme- Read Your Way. A separate World Book Day letter was sent out at the end of last half term. This is always a fun day at Clifton, highlighting and promoting a love of reading. There will be lots of book themed activities going on in school on the day. We hope lots of you join in with our 'Dress a Potato as a Book Character' challenge. Don't forget our 50p Preloved Book Sale on the playground after school on Friday too.

Parents Evening

Look out for information on Mr Marshall's newsletter about booking your parents evening appointment.

(X) Twitter:

If you haven't already joined us on X (Twitter) and would like to do so, here is a reminder of our username- **clifton_fs2** We update regularly with information about daily activities that your children are enjoying at

school. We will only be tweeting pictures of children for whom we have been given consent to publish in the media and on our website. Don't forget to give us a like so we can see that parents are seeing our tweets.

Practicalities:

- **Water bottles-** Please remember to send your child into school with a water bottle. No juices or cordials- just water.
- **Toilet accidents-** Please ensure your child has their own change bag on their peg. This needs to contain wipes and a full change of clothes (spare pants, socks and trousers, leggings, skirt or shorts etc) and it must be in a named carrier bag. Thank you. We will send bags home if they need replenishing.
- **PE lessons** - PE lessons are still on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Thank you for remembering to send your child in with their kit on ready for their lessons. Please check that trainers fit still.
- **Wellies-** Please check your child has a pair of named wellies that are kept in school not just for our Outdoor Explorers session on a Wednesday, but for every day.
- **Voluntary £5 contributions-** Thanks to the parents who have kindly sent in voluntary £5 contributions to our baking and growing classroom funds. It really does help keep us baking and growing at school- as you can imagine this can get quite costly for me. If you wish to contribute this really helps us. Thank you.

New EYFS Area:

Thank you for your patience as we develop our new EYFS area. Please remember we will be welcoming the children in and dismissing from the Infant library door on the Infant playground on wb 3rd March for the week.

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If you are able to donate any compost, plain white paper plates, kitchen foil, food bags, whisks, old pans, colanders, baking tins and trays and decorating paintbrushes or rollers, this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Dixon