



Reception Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Spring 2nd Half Term: February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We hope you have all had a good half term break. We are very proud of the work that the children carried out last half term and have been so impressed with the support that families have been giving.

Over the next few weeks we have some exciting activities planned. Much of the learning will stem from our key texts 'Jack and the Beanstalk,' 'Jasper's Beanstalk,' 'Oliver's Vegetables,' 'The Extraordinary Gardener,' 'The Easter Story.'

The table below provides a brief overview of the learning opportunities that the children will have across all subjects this half term. A full curriculum will continue to be provided online, while schools are closed.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
Communication Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing characters in stories • Listening to and asking questions to their friends • Contributing to class discussions • Using props to retell familiar stories • Retelling and acting out the stories and sequencing pictures •
Phonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revising all Phase Two and Phase Three phonemes • Reading an increasing number of common words on sight • Using their knowledge of sounds to decode CVC words e.g. c-a-t • Using their phonic knowledge to spell and write a range of words and sentences.
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practising ball skills, throwing, catching, rolling, bouncing • Taking part in online workouts • Manipulating a range of malleable materials to create different effects • Writing a growing number of letters using the correct formation • Practising number formation
Personal, Social and Emotional Development Jigsaw Jennie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about Healthy Me with Jigsaw Jenni • Concentrating on tasks for longer periods of time • Exploring the feelings of characters in stories • Discussing the importance of sharing toys and equipment • Re-establishing friendships
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming and writing sentences, lists and labels • Using correct letter formation • Reading fiction and non-fiction books
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and Subtraction • Looking at repeating patterns • Practising number formation. • Measuring our bean stalks • Counting in 2s and 10s • Looking at odd and even numbers



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ordinal Numbers
Understanding of the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making observations about the season of spring• Growing beans/cress in a pot• Life Cycles
Expressive Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making Mothering Sunday and Easter Cards• Making Easter nests and baskets• Observational paintings of spring flowers• Talking about pictures and models they have created
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding the importance of Lent and saying sorry• Learning about The Easter Story

Other useful things to remember during the period of school closure:

- Please to encourage your child to **read regularly**. We will continue with the reading book collection arrangements that were put in place at the end of last term (please email the school office if you need more information about this).
- You can also access online books for your child on the Oxford Owl website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> . You will need to enter the following details:
Username: **lawrence**
Password: **reading**
- It is really helpful if you can take some time to ask your questions about what they have read. This will help to support their developing comprehension skills. It is also beneficial to read aloud to your children.
- **PE with Joe Wicks** can be found on YouTube and other fun websites include Cosmic Kids and Go Noodle.
- You should have login details for the following **RM Easi-maths** and **Tapestry**
- Please visit your child's **Class Page**, on our School Website, for further resources and **useful web links**.
- **Playing board games, doing puzzles or drawing/colouring** are lovely, calm activities to do with your child.
- The current situation is one which both adults and children may be finding challenging for a variety of reasons. Our school Wellbeing page has links to a range of resources that may help you with supporting your child's wellbeing at this time.
• [St Mary's Church of England Primary School | Well-being \(stmarysen4-barnet.co.uk\)](https://www.stmarysen4-barnet.co.uk)

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support at this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop us a note via our School Office email.

Kind regards,

Kathy Lawrence