

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2025



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back Team West Park! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We are looking forward to 2025 and would like to kick start the year by sharing the learning your child will be enjoying over the next term (please see the next page for a curriculum overview).

We will be updating our Class Dojo every week so please keep a look out for updates on what we have been up to and what is happening the following week.

Upcoming Events

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Monday 17th and Thursday 20th February**. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress and goals. We will let you know when and how to book your time slot in the near future.

Trip/Visitor information

We are very excited to tell you that **Animals Stories will be visiting us on Wednesday 19th March** to talk to us about mini beasts and life cycles!

Stay and Play

We would love you to join us for a stay and play session in school on **Tuesday 8th April** (Easter theme). You will receive a personal invite before the event with more information.

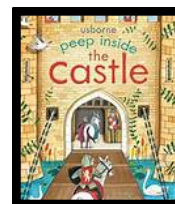
Easter

You are invited to come into school at the beginning of the day (**9.00am - 10.30am**) on **Wednesday 9th April** to see the children's Easter egg entries for our Easter Egg competition. We will also be hosting and **Easter disco on the afternoon of Thursday 10th April**. More details to follow.



This term we will be reading...

- Peep inside the Castle
- George and the Dragon
- Rapunzel
- Cinderella
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Growing frogs
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff



Reminders

School timings: School gates open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.15pm (3.10pm for reception). Please inform the school office if your child is absent or late by 9.00am.

PE days:
Monday

Homework:
Please allow your child to read their reading book with you at least 3 times a week.

Please see our curriculum overview for Spring 1 term below

(please note this is subject to change)

PSED

- Friendships
- Turn taking games
- Emotions

Celebrations and Festivals

- Chinese New Year
- Valentines Day

Theme Texts

- George and the Dragon
- Rapunzel
- Cinderella
- Peep Inside the Castle

Key Songs and Rhymes

Song — There was a princess long ago

Fine Motor Song/Rhyme — Wind, wind, wind the bobbin

Number Rhyme — 5 green dragons

Theme Rhyme — Old King Cole
Poem



Castles, Knights & Fairytales

Spring Term A

EAD

Artist—Paul Klee (castle shape printing)

- Design a shield
- Design and make flags and bunting
- Junk model castles
- Role Play— Medieval banquet in a castle
- Role Play— Chinese New Year home corner
- Small world— castles
- Small world— Fantasy (dragons, witches and wizards ~~wizards~~)
- Chalk castles

C&L

- Taking on roles in role play and small world.
- Show and tell
- Using new vocabulary in all contexts.



PD—GROSS MOTOR

- Dance—The king and the castle , Old King Cole, There was a princess long ago.
- Apparatus

PD—FINE MOTOR

- Activities linked to EAD
- Intricate finger skills
- Scissor skills
- Tracing skills
- Threading bunting
- Handwriting

UW

Historical figures—Current royal family

- Who lived in castles?
- Kings, Queens, knights, squires, servants, blacksmiths, jesters and jokers
- Living from the land nearby: farming
- Changing Times e.g. travelling on horses, cooking on fires, boy/girl roles
- Modern life— The royal family, soldiers and guards, London, Buckingham Palace, the London Eye
- Royal Family

Please see our curriculum overview for Spring 2 term below

(please note this is subject to change)

PSED

- Sharing and turn taking
- Developing independence in games which follow rules
- Understand which clothes to wear in which season

Celebrations and Festivals

- Pancake Day
- Celebrations: Festivals
- Mother's Day
- Eid
- Easter—make easter bonnets and decorate eggs

Theme Texts

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Growing Frogs
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Key Songs and Rhymes

Song — There's a worm at the bottom of the garden

Fine Motor Song/Rhyme — Incy Wincy spider

Number Rhyme — Five little speckled frogs

Theme Rhyme — A Tiny Caterpillar

Poem—Ladybird, ladybird fly away home

Poem—A tiny seed

Experiences and Visits

- Growing caterpillars
- Welly Walk



Springtime, Underground and Overground

Term 2b



EAD

Artist—Ambrosius Bosschert

(working with pastels)

- Observational drawing of minibeasts
- Minibeast mosaics
- Role Play — Garden Centre



C&L

- Discussions around wild animals and farm animals.
- Discuss the impact humans have on wild animals.

PD—GROSS MOTOR

- Use woodland trail.
- Activities to support wrist, elbow and shoulder pivots.



UW

Person from the past/present—David Attenborough

- Wormery
- Lifecycle of a butterfly, frog.
- Observing the growth of a bean, underground and overground
- Worship around the world: Easter, Eid.

PD FINE MOTOR

- Digging in soil to explore what lies beneath
- Planting beanstalks and sunflower seeds
- Comparing seeds using pincer grip to move each seed.
- Activities to support manipulating objects between the fingers and palm, rotating objects with their fingers.