



Reception Newsletter - February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a restful half term!

World Book Day

On **Thursday 6th March** it is World Book Day. We would love to see all the children dress up as their favourite book character - the teachers will be dressing up too! Children can also bring in their favourite book to school - remember to put their name in it. If you would like to borrow a costume from school, please let your child's teacher know.

Author Visit

On **Thursday 6th March**, we will be welcoming the brilliant author, Frances Tosdevin, and the illustrator, Rhian Wright of the book 'DO NOT SAY THESE WORDS'. They will be visiting the children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 to launch their new picture book – a book that will also be published on the same day!

How You Can Get Involved: We're offering parents the opportunity to purchase a copy of *DO NOT SAY THESE WORDS* from our local bookshop, Pickled Pepper Books, and have it signed by Frances and Rhian during their visit. This is a wonderful way to bring the event home to your child, allowing them to treasure their signed copy of the book! Please use this link to purchase a copy: <https://www.pickledpepperbooks.co.uk/collections/frances-tosdevin-coleridge-pre-order-thursday-6th-march>

Trips

This week we will be going on our first school trip to the Discover Centre in Stratford. We will also be visiting Freightliners Farm in the summer term.

The dates for the farm trip are:

Friday 9th May – **RB** and **RR**

Monday 12th May - **RO** and **RP**

Parent meetings

This term, parent/carer meetings will be taking place on **Tuesday 1st April** and **Wednesday 2nd April** between 4-6pm online on SchoolCloud. This is an online programme that allows you to access the meeting from your phone or computer via a video call. More details on appointment booking and how parents/carers access to follow. Please also note that if you have a review for your child, e.g. SEND review, Well-being review, teacher review, you do not need to book to attend a SchoolCloud session.

Science Week

This year we will be celebrating British Science Week. This will take place from 10th – 14th March, and we are looking for any parents/ carers/family members who work in the science industry to come and talk to the children about their role. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to come in.

Focus Country

From now and until the end of the school year, we will be focussing on different countries each half term. Each class will have a different country or area and will let you know via Parent Hub. We will be locating the country on the globe and will find out lots of information about the countries we choose. If any parents/carers family members have connections with the countries and would like to talk to the children about it, we would love to hear from you. You might want to cook a traditional dish with the children or show photos/objects from the different countries. More information will follow soon.

Date for your diary:

Friday 14th March – INSET day (school closed for all children).

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us; if you need more than just a quick chat, we can make an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely
The Reception Team