



# EYFS Bulletin

## Spring Term 2024

### Our Topic

Firstly, welcome back to Coleham. We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year. During the first half term, our topic will be 'Weather and the Environment'. During this term we will consider and learn about our school environment and compare it to other locations; animals and what they need in their habitats; different types of weather, and how we can look after our planet.

During the second half term, our topic will be 'Growth'. We will be planning learning based on familiar stories to help children to understand about Growth and Lifecycles. We will look closely at insects, animals and plants. We will also consider how human babies grow and develop.

In relation to other areas of learning, please refer to the list below for more information:

**Art:** Jackson Pollock and Sculptures

**Science:** Looking after our environment and our body

**Music:** Weekly sessions with Mrs Porrett

**R.E:** Why is the word 'God' important to Christians?

**Geography:** Looking after our environment and our community

**Computing:** Online safety and programming

**PSHE/RSE:** Family and relationships

**Indoor P.E:** Dance

### Reading

I'm sure you will agree how impressive the children's progress has been in reading since starting school. Please continue to support your child in reading at home by listening to them read regularly and practising their sound mats.

Reading at home, even for a short time, allows the children to practise the skills they have learnt at school and develop confidence and fluency when reading. Please may we request that you continue to write a short diary entry to let us know about progress at home so that we know how to support your child. As we have a no homework policy here at Coleham, we do place an expectation that reading at home is carried out at least 4 times a week. It is therefore equally important that reading diaries and book bags are brought into school everyday.

### Class Teachers

**Badgers:** Miss Harris

**Foxes:** Miss Melville

**Teaching Assistants:**

Mrs Arthur-Lee, Miss Robinson, Miss Gregory and Miss Pilsbury

### PE and Woodland Work Days

P.E with Mr Halford—Thursday

Indoor P.E with Class Teacher—Friday

Woodland Work—Friday

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their house coloured P.E kits on these days and that Woodland Work kits have been left in school in a labelled bag for the term.

### Learning Luggage

We are excited to announce that our Learning Luggage project is ready, and children will begin to access the bags of resources soon. Please see the leaflet on this for more information.

It would be hugely beneficial to us if you could post a quick update on Tapestry after the loan of each bag. This helps us to see how the children engage with the resources and allows us to make suggestions as to how to extend learning opportunities at home. In class we often share these observations with the children, allowing them to talk about the activities. The children absolutely love the opportunity to share this experience with their peers.

### Labelling Clothing

With 60 children in the cohort I'm sure you'll appreciate how easy it is for items to get lost. Please can we ask that you ensure **all** items of your child's belongings are labelled with their name and class, including P.E / Woodland Work kits and bags.

### Dates for your diary

**International Day—16th January—** Please send your child to school wearing clothes that represent a country of importance to them. A Food Market in the hall will be available for children and parents, after school.

**Mr Larkham's Quiz Night** —26th January at 7pm in the school hall.

**Writing Meeting for parents and carers**—29th January 2:30pm and 5:15pm in the school hall.

**EYFS Theatre Trip 'Dear Zoo'**—2nd February. More information on this to follow.

**Half Term**—12th—16th February 2023

**Parents/Carers Evening**—20th and 21st February

**World Book Day**—7th March

**Science Week**—11th 15th March

**Easter Holidays**—25th March—5th April

Finally, if you have any questions, please do speak to your child's Class Teacher, or EYFS Leader Miss Harris.

Many Thanks