



# BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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## Early Years Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents,

We hope that you all enjoyed your half term and found some good weather. We are looking forward to warmer days and a little bit more spring sunshine in school too!.

### **Topic time**

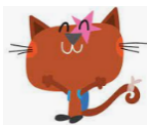
Our topic this term is “Spring has Sprung”, which the children have been very enthusiastic about so far. This topic will be focusing mainly on our aspiration 2 - How can I grow my own food and create a tasty recipe? This will involve us exploring different recipes, learning how to cook new things and planting seeds, in the hope that they will grow into something we can eat! If you have any spare seeds or items we can use with our gardening such as compost or pots, we would be very grateful.

Later in the term we will be focusing on a story about a class who make make a bee corridor. With this in mind, we will be making our own bee corridor and sharing some seeds with the local community.

### **Talent time**

As you are aware our 3<sup>rd</sup> aspiration involves the children asking questions to help them learn how to become better artists, sports persons, writers, performers etc. It would be great to get to know any hidden talents or skills the children have. In the bookbag today you will find a questionnaire for you to complete. This will help us continue to develop the curriculum for the summer term. Additionally, if you have any talents or skills you would like to share with us, we would be grateful.

### **Banjo Robinson’s travels**



This term we will be visiting Greece and China with Banjo Robinson, our travelling cat friend. We will be exploring maps, learning simple greetings like hello, tasting local foods or reading a traditional story from the area. If you or other members of your family have links to different countries, please see your child’s class teacher. We would love to include them in his travels.

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## Writing fun

In Year R we are always on the look out for ways to inspire the children in writing. We have writing materials around the classroom in lots of different places and use different materials like chalks, paint brushes, pens and pencils. At school we have a good supply of regular pens and pencils however we are lacking in the more exciting stationery. If you have any spare novelty pens/ pencils or note books (A5 or smaller) we could use around the classroom environment we would be grateful.

## Reading

We're excited to celebrate the **National Year of Reading**, a fantastic opportunity to inspire a love of books and stories in our children. Throughout the year, we'll be taking part in a wide range of fun and engaging reading activities designed to build confidence, spark imagination, and celebrate reading for pleasure across our school community. We'd also like to remind families about **Ready Steady Books**, where parents and carers are warmly invited to come into school every Friday between 8.45-9am to read with their children and share special reading time together. To further support reading at home, we've attached a list of **recommended reads for Year R**, offering a variety of books to enjoy and explore together. We're really looking forward to a year filled with stories, creativity, and a shared love of reading.

## Allotment and bee walk

This term we are hoping to take the children out and around in Tadley, to visit a local allotment and to deliver seeds to the local residents to create a bee corridor. The allotment walk will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 9:00- 11:30**. The seed delivery walk will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 9:00- 10:15**. If anyone is available to help with walks, please can you let your child's class teacher know.

## A few reminders

- **Water bottles** – a reminder that they need to contain water rather than squash .
- **Reading at home** – our school expectation is that your child reads with you 3 times a week, which makes a significant difference to your child's learning and progress. Please keep it up.
- **Earrings and Jewellery** – Only one pair of small, simple studs are allowed in school. Please make sure if you child has earrings, you provide some micropore tape to cover it over during PE or remove them yourself on the day. No other jewellery is allowed. The children are constantly moving around and items can get lost, broken or cause an injury.
- **World Book Day** – a reminder that it is World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Children to come in dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

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