

Butterfly Class Newsletter

Spring 1 - 2026



Welcome back to school! We hope you all had relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. We also hope that you, and your family and friends, are safe and well



Topic



Our topic this half term is 'Hot and Cold places'. We will be learning about the continents and oceans of the world and explore climate zones and how animals adapt to living in different habitats.

We will also learn about compass directions and how to navigate maps. We will investigate the history of the world exploration and discover animals that have been extinct through changes in weather conditions.

At home you could:

- Find interesting facts about your favourite animals including prehistoric creatures like dinosaurs.
- Read stories about animals.
- Draw/colour pictures of animals

English

In English, the topic will be 'Poetry'. We will learn how to recognize and produce rhyming words through word family patterns. We will revisit familiar nursery rhymes and discover various books written in verse. We will read selected books and poems by Dr Seuss, Julia Donaldson and Michael Rosen. We will also learn about different types of poems and explore poetry characteristics and techniques such as similes and alliteration. Finally, we will attempt to have a go at writing our own class poem.

At home you could

- Read and recite/sing favourite nursery rhymes
- Spot words that sound the same in rhyming books
- Play word games/puzzles e.g. matching rhymes.

Maths



Our topic in Maths this half term is Money. We will be learning to recognise different coins and notes and their values. We will role play buying and selling in pretend shop activities. We will practise simple addition of different coins that total the same amount e.g. 10p £1. We will also continue working on the concepts of addition and subtraction and practise these operations.


At home you could:

- Sort out coins according to colour and size.
- Make a small purchase in a shop.
- Role play exchanging coins for small items



Butterfly Class staff



Class Teacher- Monika Mellor	
Learning Support Assistants	Sophie Sarah Justine New TA TBA

Monika has planning time out of class every **Tuesday morning**, so **Sarah** will lead the class on these days.

First week of this term we are saying goodbye to Jade, one of our TAs. She is starting a new job. We will keep you updated about who will replace her as soon as we know.

Dates for the calendar:

Week beginning 26th January - Parents' evenings (more information to follow)

Monday 9th February - Chinese New Year Celebration

Friday 13th February - last day of school

Monday 23rd February - first day back to school

PE

We have PE in Butterfly Class on Tuesday. If you have not already, please could you send your child in with an appropriate named t-shirt, shorts and trainers. A jumper or tracksuit may also be required as the weather changes and some sessions will be occurring outside.

Please remember:

We will be continuing a lot of our outdoor learning sessions this term. As the weather is likely to change over the next few weeks, we ask that every child has a pair of named wellies and waterproofs. These can then be kept in class for the year.

To send School-Home communication blue book every day as well as the reading diary with any comments you may have. You can also get in touch via email:

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