

Butterfly Class Newsletter

Spring 2 - 2026



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



Topic



Our topic this half term is 'Dinosaurs'. We will be learning various facts about these prehistoric creatures.

We will investigate the condition of the Earth at the time dinosaurs roamed our planet. We will look at different kinds of dinosaurs and how they are different from modern reptiles.

We will also look at theories of what happened to them as well as learn what the word extinction means

At home you could:

- Find interesting facts about your favourite dinosaurs.
- Read stories about dinosaurs
- Draw/colour pictures of dinosaurs.

English

In English, the topic will be 'Books by the same author'. We have chosen **Julia Donaldson** as our favourite writer. We will read books from her vast collection such e.g. 'Monkey Puzzle', 'Tabby Mc Tat and 'Tyrannosaurus Drip'. We will aim to develop variety of reading skills. We will be answering and asking questions, retelling, sequencing and reenacting her stories. We will be predicting what might happen next in a story and will be describing the characters and their emotions. We will carry on looking at rhymes and words that make her books so captivating.

Finally, we will attempt to write our own stories.

At home you could

- Read Julia Donaldson stories with your child and talk about them
- Spot words that sound the same in rhyming books.
- Make props for stories to reenact them and pretend to be the characters from the stories

Maths


Our topic in Maths this half term is '**Position and Direction**'. We will be developing an understanding and using the language of position, more complex adverbs of place e.g. between, next to, above. We will practice following and giving directions e.g. left, right turns, half turn etc. to navigate a familiar space e.g. the classroom. We will learn to read a grid and will make our own map of the playground.

- Play games of orientation inside and outside
- Play board games involving reading a grid.
- Use language of position in everyday activities



Butterfly Class staff



Class Teacher- Monika Mellor	
Learning Support Assistants	Sophie Sarah Justine Reanna

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 want to welcome our new TA, Reanna. She has joined Butterfly class team and will be working full time Monday to Friday. Welcome Reanna!

Dates for the calendar:

Thursday 5th March Book day
Wednesday 11th March - Inset day
Friday 20th March - Comic Relief
Friday 27th March - last day of Spring term. Half day.
Monday 13th April - first day of summer term. Children 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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