

Murphy Class Newsletter



Dates for the Diary



- Monday 2nd March – Come to school in pyjamas for World Book Day
- W/B Monday 9th March – Science Week
- Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March - Parent's Evening. This is an opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing in Reception. You will have the option to sign up for a 10-minute appointment on the Reach More Parents App. Please see the office staff if you have been unable to make an appointment online.
- Thursday 2nd April – Break up for Easter Holidays



Visit to the Shop



During the Autumn term, the Reception children went on their first local walk to post their letters to send home. It was lovely to hear how much the children enjoyed receiving their special letters and how much excitement it created. We have planned to go on another local walk on **Monday 23rd March**. The Reception children are going to go on a local walk to the One Stop shop on Cross Gates Road to buy ingredients for some Easter baking! The children are going to go in small groups and each group will have an item on the shopping list to buy. The children will use their ingredients to make some delicious Easter treats. If you have any questions about this local walk, please don't hesitate to speak to us.



Reading



Your child will continue to bring home their reading books each Friday. These books need to be returned on a **Wednesday** to allow us enough time to change the books. We really depend on your support to read with your child at home; it is with your support they can use and apply the phonic knowledge they have learnt in school. It is important that you re-read the book throughout the week, as with each re-read your child's confidence will grow and their fluency will develop. Also, please write a comment in their reading diaries so we know they have read with you at home.

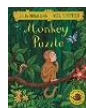
NUMBOTS

It has been great to see the children's engagement on NumBots last half term. Please continue to practise at home, your child could be in with a chance to be awarded the class NumBots certificate, which is handed out each Friday.



Favourite 5 and Virtual Library!

Each half term, we will be reading 5 key texts – This half term, our 'Favourite 5' books are:



Whatever Next
Monkey Puzzle
The Smartest Giant in Town
Lost and Found
We Are Together



You can listen to Miss Harrison read these stories on our virtual library.

<https://www.crossgatesprimary.co.uk/spring-2-10/>



Reading Cafe and Stay and Play

This half term and next half term we are changing the format of Reading Café. Instead of free choice reading sessions, we would like to invite you to a phonics themed 'Stay and Play' session. There will be a range of phonics games and activities for you to play with your child and ideas for supporting writing development. We hope this will give you a greater insight to how phonics is taught in school and how you can support your child at home.

You will be invited on either **Wednesday 18th March** or **Wednesday 25th March**.

Keep an eye out in your child's book bag for your invitation!

Our Easter themed Stay and Play session will be on **Wednesday 1st April**.