## Halstow Primary School

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## Reception Newsletter - Spring 2

Welcome back everyone - we hope that you all had a great half term break! We were excited to welcome an array of minibeasts to Halstow on our first day back: a stick insect, an African snail, a cockroach and even a tarantula! Zoolabs delivered a wonderful story-based workshop, based on the classic Michael Rosen story, taking us on an animal hunt!



As we move from the Winter months into the Spring, we are looking forward to learning about our topic of 'New Beginnings'. Here we will observe the changes of Spring within nature and observe our class daffodils begin to bloom. We will also observe a real-life example of a life cycle through our class caterpillars. Here is a selection of texts we will share and focus on during the term ③



This term we will continue to follow the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme.

## **Reception Spring 2**

	Phase 3 graphemes
Week 1	review Phase 3: ai ee igh oa oo ar or ur <b>oo</b> ow oi e
Week 2	review Phase 3: er air words with double letters longer words
Week 3	words with two or more digraphs
Week 4	longer words words ending in —ing compound words
Week 5	longer words words with s in the middle /z/ s words ending -s

We follow the White Rose Scheme of Learning for our Maths Curriculum. Here are the areas covered this term:

- Finding and representing 9+10
- Comparing numbers to 10
- Compositions to 10
- Double to 10
- Odd and even numbers
- 3D Shapes & Patterns

Reminder: Please send your child in wearing comfortable clothing, such as or jogging bottoms and a t-shirt, on Wednesdays (as we will be having PE sessions).



This term we are excited to have a weekly Zumba dance session.

Reading morning starts Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March– 8.50-9.15 – all welcome - We will set up the classroom with books but feel free to bring a family favourite. When you arrive find a space, pick a book, and start to read it to your child and whoever else wants to listen. Reading morning will also be on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Another visit to 'The Bridge' beckons where we will be exploring, looking for and talking about signs of Spring. We will also plant up seed potatoes in large pots – ready to cook with later in the year! Please let us know if you can volunteer.

Tuesday 12th March (1.15pm- 3pm) - Mrs Jones' Class

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March (1.15pm-3pm) – Mr Mentlak's Class

We have planned a trip to Godstone Farm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June; however, we can't book the coach until we have enough contributions from parents. You can make the termly £20 contribution to enable our trips to take place via the product section on MCAS.

If you have any questions, you can contact us through the office at <u>hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk</u> and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

## Donations welcome for the items below please $oldsymbol{\varpi}$

Paper plates, a colander, pom poms, yarn, ribbons, buttons, egg boxes, toilet roll tubes, milk bottle lids, masking tape, chunky chalk, cotton wool, pasta for threading, rice for sensory play, cream of tartar, plain flour, salt, food colouring.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jones & Mr Mentlak