

# Spring Term English Newsletter

The Spring Term is here, bringing with it a season of creativity, imagination, and a growing love for words! This term, we are immersing the children in exciting reading, writing, and vocabulary-rich experiences, supporting them as they develop into confident and expressive communicators.

## Reading for Pleasure

Encouraging a love of reading remains at the heart of our English curriculum. This term, children will be:



**Exploring a wide range of genres** – from adventure stories and myths to poetry and non-fiction, helping children discover texts they truly enjoy.

**Author Spotlights** – learning about well-known writers, their styles, and the techniques they use to bring stories to life.

## World Book Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Done Differently!

This year, we are celebrating World Book Day in a slightly different way. Instead of a Vocabulary Parade, children will be:

- Choosing their favourite poem
- Sharing and performing it with their class
- Exploring the rhythm, language, and meaning behind the poem

This approach places poetry at the heart of our World Book Day celebrations, allowing children to experience the joy of words through voice, expression, and performance. It supports the aims of our Poetry Day by building confidence, deepening pupils' appreciation of poetry, and encouraging them to engage thoughtfully with language in an enjoyable and meaningful way.

### More Information to follow

#### **Poetry in Disguise (Non-Uniform Day)**

Instead of dressing up:

Children can bring a **prop** linked to their poem (a spoon, leaf, hat, paper crown) Or wear **one colour** that represents the mood of the poem

"World Book Day: Where Poems Come to Life."

"Finding Our Voices Through Poetry."

## Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (SPaG)

A strong foundation in spelling, punctuation, and grammar helps children become confident and effective writers. This term, we will continue our focus on:

- ✓ Expanding vocabulary with ambitious and exciting words
- ✓ Understanding and experimenting with different sentence structures
- ✓ Mastering key punctuation rules, including commas and speech marks

### Top Tips for Writing!

Writing can be a wonderful adventure! Here are some top tips from authors to help young writers bring their ideas to life:

#### **Read, Read, Read!**

Great writers are great readers. Books fill minds with ideas, exciting words, and different writing styles.

#### **Let Your Imagination Run Wild**

There are no limits in storytelling—magical worlds, brave heroes, and unexpected twists are encouraged!

#### **Show, Don't Just Tell**

Instead of "She was scared," try: *"Her hands trembled, and her heart raced like a drum."*

#### **Plan Before You Write**

A quick plan helps! Who are the characters? Where is the story set? What happens next?

#### **Hook Your Reader!**

Start with an exciting opening line: *"The door creaked open, and glowing eyes stared back at me..."*

#### **Use Powerful Words**

Swap ordinary words for exciting ones—*strode, tiptoed, dashed* instead of *walked*.

#### **Read It Out Loud**

Does it sound exciting? Do the sentences flow? Reading aloud helps spot improvements.

#### **Edit Like a Pro**

Even famous authors rewrite! Check spelling, improve word choices, and add detail.

#### **Surprise Your Reader**

A twist ending or unexpected moment makes stories memorable.

#### **Write Little and Often**

A small amount of writing every day builds confidence—stories, poems, or a simple journal all count!

## How Can You Help at Home?

- Encourage your child to read every day—books, comics, magazines all count!
  - Talk about new words they discover and encourage them to use them in conversation.
  - Enjoy reading together—use funny voices and talk about the pictures.
  - Play word games like **I Spy**: “Can you find a word beginning with...?”
- Visit the local library to explore new books together.

Thank you for your continued support in making reading, writing, and vocabulary development an exciting part of your child’s learning journey.

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*“If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book.” — J.K Rowling*

*Together, we’re growing confident readers, writers, and word-lovers!*