



Spring Term 2025 Curriculum Newsletter

Early Years Foundation Stage

Welcome back to another fun filled term at Longlands Primary school and Nursery, we hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year! Thank you for all the support so far throughout your child's Early Years journey.

Learning in the Foundation Stage

With the children now settled within the unit they are now comfortable with our daily routines and thrive on these within their learning. We will continue to use our fantastic outside area as much as possible so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and wellies in school.

This term our topics in Foundation Stage will be 'People who help us' and 'What does your garden grow'.

During the topic '**People who help us**', the children will find out lots of people who help us in our day to day lives, placing a focus on different professions each week. The children will be encouraged to share their own experiences and talk about who different professions may help us. Our role play has been set up as a hospital to further their learning of this topic through play.

The second half term's topic will be '**What does your garden grow**', the children will find out about lots of different plants and flowers, using stories to help children understand what flowers and plants need to grow as well exploring the plants and flowers in the local area. The children will be given the opportunity to plant their own flowers and be responsible for their care to help them grow!

The children in the Foundation Stage will continue to learn through the 7 key areas of learning

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Physical Development

Phonics

In Nursery, the children will be continuing to discriminate and identify sounds around them, and find out about rhythm, rhyme and alliteration through daily fun activities and games.

The children in Reception have been making excellent progress with our new Phonics scheme Little Wandle, we will continue to focus our daily phonics using this scheme and are now working on digraphs which the children will be able to tell you is "2 letters, 1 sound" this will help with both their reading and writing skills.

Please continue to read with your child and write in their orange reading record.

Stay and read sessions

Thank you so much for all your support with our stay and read sessions, it has proved very popular and it is great to see so many children enjoying reading with their grown ups. These sessions will continue every Wednesday from 8:40- 9:00. This gives you the opportunity to read with your child and choose a book to take home from the selection of free readers we have in class, please ensure the books are returned the following week before selecting a new one.



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PE

The children in Reception class will continue to have PE on Mondays and Fridays so please ensure they are wearing their school PE kit on these days. Their Monday session will continue to be taught by a coach from GC coaching.

Easter craft session

After the success of our Christmas craft morning we will be organising an Easter craft morning at the end of the Spring term, details will be sent out closer to the time, thank you to all those who were able to attend the Christmas craft session, we hope you enjoyed it!

Reminders

- Please name all uniform, coats, shoes and water bottles.
- Please check the Longlands App for important dates and events.
- Please inform a member of the Early Years team or the School Office if somebody different will be collecting your child.

If you have any questions please speak to a member of the Early Years team at drop off or collection.

Mrs Lacle, Mrs Ross, Mrs Ray, Miss Herbert, Mrs Yelogru, Miss Yeo and Miss Cann