



CHALONER PRIMARY

Early Years Foundation Stage Topic Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break and that the children are ready to investigate our new topic all about new life and explorers.

We are very excited about our new visitors this half term as we watch the process of eggs to chicks and learning about the different stages involved, as well as handling our chicks when they hatch! We will also explore them through fiction and non-fiction books and through a range of activities and discussions.

UFS: Please continue to read with your child every night and write a comment in their books. Children who read every night will go into a monthly draw to win a trip to the book shop!

LFS: Books are available to take away and share with your child. Signing them out is easy and it will give you a chance to talk about the pictures, what may happen next, the characters in the story and the settings. Lots of you have already won a book to keep after filling your reading passport, well done!

"Show and Tell" is every Friday for LFS and UFS and we ask that toys are kept at home all other days.

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will continue their Phonics work this half term which will include listening games, songs and activities. We will continue to provide opportunities for purposeful mark making within the areas, also recognising and writing our names and captions for our pictures.

Through our Literacy activities, all children will have daily opportunities for listening to stories, talking about characters, sequencing stories and making predictions about stories. We will use a range of texts this half term focusing on: "We're going on a bear hunt", "One mole digging in a hole", "Life of a chick". We will supplement these stories with our reading in school.

This half term's topic is: Explorers and New life



Maths

Our Number and Shape work will continue to focus on number recognition, practical calculating and finding missing numbers. We will also explore patterns as well as the Days of the Week. We will begin to look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, encouraging mathematical language throughout play.



Physical Development

UFS will continue with our weekly PE sessions that will focus on music and movement. Please remember to send in a named PE kit. These can be kept at school for the term. Outside we will continue to learn a range of games practicing our ball and running skills. LFS will also focus on their motor movements to include kicking, catching and a range of travelling techniques. Smaller fine motor activities will include a range of daily activities that will develop our fingers and get us ready for writing! We will also use the blocks available outside to build our own enclosures!



In **PSED** (Personal, Social and Emotional Development), we will continue to focus on sharing, taking turns, playing well together and looking after ourselves. Our topic will also involve how to care for and treat living chicks. We will continue to look at where our food comes from.

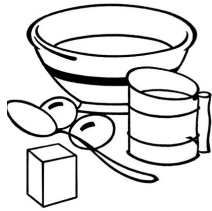
Understanding of the World:

Upper and lower foundation stage will explore aspects of explorers through stories. Children will have the opportunity to hear and discuss fiction and non fiction text about the life of a chick. We will be able to use a range of materials to build 3D models of an enclosure for the chicks to live in.

Food Technology Money

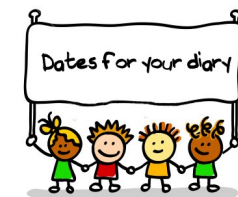
In both Upper and Lower Foundation, we ask for a contribution of **£1 each half term**.

This helps us to provide children with the resources and equipment needed for this important area of the curriculum, including each Friday when we make, bake and taste.



Expressive art and Design:

The children will have creative opportunities daily to explore the topic this term. Through paint, play dough, glue and other media, children will explore and expand their knowledge and understanding all about explorers and new life.



Monday 1st May—BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)

Friday 5th May—Activity hour

Friday 19th May—Non-uniform day (£1 donation)

Wednesday 24th May—Family Day

Friday 26th May—HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 5th June—Back to school