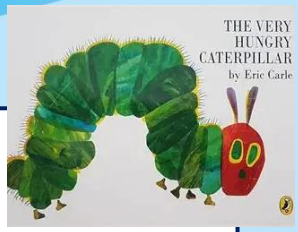
Newsletter

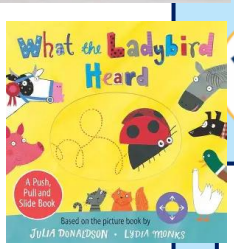
Class Ahlberg/Donaldson
Spring Term 2 2026

Curriculum overview



This half-term we will be learning all about living things. Our focus books will be The Very Hungry Caterpillar and What the Ladybird Heard, which will help the children explore life cycles, habitats and the natural world in a fun and engaging way.

The children will be observing changes, talking about how animals grow, and learning what living things need to survive. We will also be encouraging lots of rich vocabulary, curiosity and discussion as the children explore mini-beasts, plants and different environments. It's a lovely topic that always sparks excitement and wonder.



Rocket Readers

Your child needs to be reading 3 times a week. This is vital for their progress in all areas of the curriculum! We are aiming for Reception to have 100% rocket readers! This term only 64% of children in Donaldson were rocket readers and 63% in Ahlberg. ☹

Please read with your child, ask them questions, discuss their book and record in their reading journal to bring back to school everyday.

Personal Development

Every half term, we are learning all about Oasis' 9 habits. Last half term we focused on '***compassionate and patient***'. This half term we are going to focus on the following:

Home learning

Help at home by….

- Reading 3 times a week and recording in their reading journal!
- Ensuring that your child completes their homework when it is set as this will support their learning.
- Help your child to learn the sounds that we are learning in phonics.

Recommended websites:
- www.bbc.co.uk/education
- www.topmarks.co.uk/
- https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources
- https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-3

Recommended apps (All free!)

Good News

Reception has been super busy this term! The children have loved exploring their dinosaur topic, becoming little palaeontologists as they dug for fossils and discovered ancient bones. They also took part in our Chinese New Year celebrations, where they practised writing Chinese numbers, decorated lanterns, used chopsticks and created beautiful cherry blossom art. It has been a wonderful mix of learning, creativity and hands-on experiences.

Maths and English

Next term in maths, we will be learning about the composition of numbers to 10, exploring number bonds, recognising odds and evens, and combining two groups to find a total.

Events and Key Dates

Wednesday 25th March- Parents Evening
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
Tuesday 24th Parent Event- 2:15pm