

Key Stage One Newsletter Spring 2 2025



We hope you all had a lovely half term! Welcome back to the second half of the spring term, with sunnier weather ahead!

Our learning this half term

In **English** we will be writing our own versions of 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson. We will study the text and story structure first before writing our own stories based on a magical object. We will then focus on some recount writing after our Victorian day on 17th March, where we will explain what happened during the day and all the things we learnt about the Victorian times. At the end of the half term we will then study the text of 'The Odd Egg' with a focus on non-fiction writing.

In **science** we will learn about animals including humans but with a focus on different animals' needs for survival, including those of humans. We will then learn about how all animals have offspring that turn into adults, as well as learning about the famous scientist Charles Turner, a well-known zoologist. In **R.E.** we will learn about signs and symbols of Christianity and the different features of a church. We will be visiting a local church (details to follow) and spending some time there to see if we can spot any of these features. Towards the end of the half term we will learn about the importance of Easter to Christians.

In **history** we will be continuing with our work on Queen Victoria and the Victorian era. We are all looking forward to our dress up day and visitor on 17th March! In **geography** we will continue our work on comparing our local area with the area of Tulum in Mexico, looking at differences and similarities and the different human and physical features.

Our **DT** project this half term is levers and sliders where we will be making moving Easter cards.



School trips

We are desperately in need of some parent helpers who have a school DBS check to accompany us on school visits. We have booked a visit to the National Coal Mining Museum on 9th July (details to follow at a later date.) To ensure that we are able to meet the correct supervision ratios, we are looking for parent helpers to accompany us on the day. If you would be willing to come with us please let your class teacher or the school office know. If you do not currently have a school DBS check but would be interested in getting one, please enquire at the school office. Thank you!

Maths

In maths this half term we will be learning to:

- identify coins and notes
- understand the value of different coins and notes
- calculate with money, including giving change
- measure in centimetres
- compare length and height
- recognise half and quarter of a shape and quantity

Spelling and Maths Shed



Spelling homework will be set on Spelling Shed each week and a paper copy of the spellings to practise will also be sent home. Spellings will be tested during our phonics session on **Friday**. In addition, your child will **receive times table or number bond homework each week on MathShed**.



Reading

Please make sure that you read with your child **at least 4 times per week**. This really does make a difference in helping children to enjoy reading and helps to reinforce their phonics learning. **Online reading diaries will be checked weekly** Children who have their reading logged 4 times each week will receive House Points and regular chances to win a book from our vending machine. Your child will have a set day for changing their reading books.

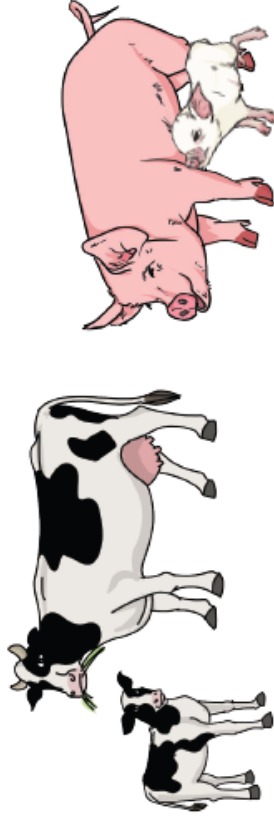
As always, if you have any questions please feel free to come and ask one of us!

Many thanks for your support!

Miss Hislop, Miss Gallacher, Miss Giles and Miss Heaton ☺

Offspring

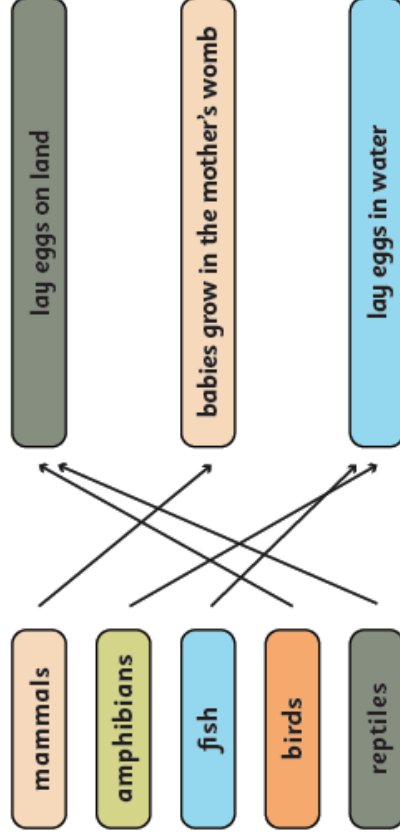
All animals including **humans reproduce and have offspring**. This means they make another one of the **same species**.



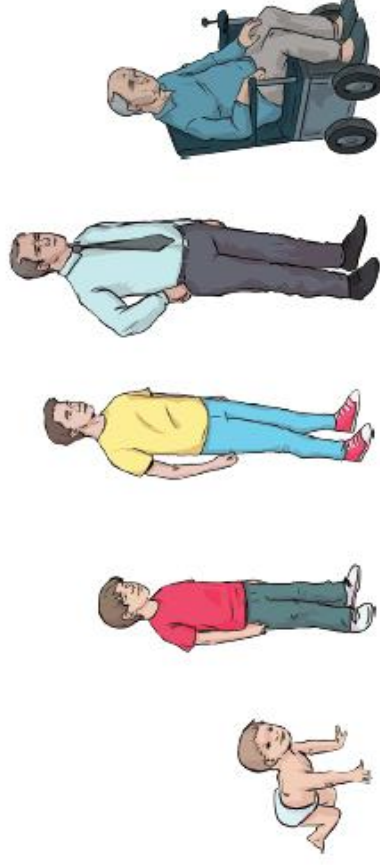
All living things **have basic needs**.
They all need **food, water and air to survive**.



How do different animals **produce their offspring**?



How humans change



baby

child

teenager

adult

senior