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Catfield Primary Academy



Tigers and Cubs Class



Welcome to Spring Term 2026

Happy new year to you all! I hope you had an exciting, restful break and all the winter bugs didn't affect your plans. We have a busy and fun-packed term ahead with our fantastic EYFS trip to Gressenhall Museum booked.

Our Curriculum Spring 2026

Phonics - Reception

- Recognise and write phonemes: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er.
- Read and write words containing the new phonemes, words with double letters e.g. dd, mm, tt, bb, rr, gg, pp, ff. Reading longer words. Words with two or more digraphs, words ending in -ing, compound words, words with s in the middle and words ending with -s/-es.
- Tricky words – was, you, they, my, by, all, are, sure, pure. Review all tricky words taught so far and secure spelling.

Phonics – Pre-School

- Phonemic awareness focus: Teach children to **identify** initial sounds of words and names of objects. Teach children to **distinguish** different sounds. Teach children to **articulate** sounds correctly – including playing with voice sounds.
- Progression of sounds: m, d, g, o, c, k, e, u, r, h, b, f, l, j.
- Oral blending focus: Teach children to blend a range of words using oral blending.

White Rose Maths – Reception

- Represent 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- Subitise 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- Composition of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- 1 more/1 less
- Odd and even
- Doubles to 10
- Measure – Mass, capacity, length, height and time
- 3D shapes
- Patterns

White Rose Maths – Pre-School

- Show me 1, 2, 3
- Move and label 1, 2, 3
- Explore position and routes
- Explore patterns
- Take and give 1, 2, 3
- Match, talk, push and pull
- Talk about dots
- Compare and sort collections

EYFS CUSP Book Focus

- Winter
- Astro Girl
- The way back home
- What makes me me?
- I love Chinese New Year (Eva Wong)
- Mr Wolf's Pancakes

Our teachers

Miss Womack will be our teacher every day, supported by Mrs Bridge, Miss Tovell and Mrs Turton. Mrs Pell will teach forest school.

Timings

For our new Cubs, your child's sessions will begin at 8.40am, when the bell rings please line up your child at the little green gate with Tigers, this is where they will be welcomed in to school from. Morning sessions finish at 11.45am and your child will be dismissed from the school office. If your child is due to have a full day session they will finish at 2.45pm and again be dismissed from the office. If you are paying for wrap around care and collecting from 3.20pm, your child will be dismissed from the little green gate.

What we need in school every day

- Named water bottle
- Spare clothes on pegs for any accidents (inc. underwear and socks), please send these in on a Monday to be kept in school for the week.
- Trainers and welly boots to change into for lunch/play time
- Optional – we invite children to wear slippers in the classroom.

Tigers will also need

- Their named book bag with reading book and reading record. **It is essential that these are in school every day.**
- Please ensure that Tigers are wearing black school shoes and have trainers within school to change into for lunch times.

Uniform

A reminder of our school uniform which needs to be worn each day (from YR):

- Jade Sweatshirt or cardigan (plain or logo)
- White/jade polo shirt (plain or logo)
- Grey or black trousers/shorts (not cycling shorts)
- Jade gingham dress, grey/black knee length skirt or pinafore
- White/black socks, grey/black tights
- Black shoes

Snack & Lunch

- Snack is available daily and consists of a piece of fruit or vegetable.
- If your child would like to bring in their own snack, please ensure that it is in a named container, this must be a healthy snack of either fruit, vegetables or crackers.
- Under 5's are provided with free school milk every day.
- Reception children are entitled to a free school meal every day. Please order these via the parent app.
- Pre-school children staying for lunch are welcome to pay for a school lunch, paid via the parent app.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do baby elephants suck their trunks? • The good egg • Rhyming Rabbit • Spring • Easter 	<p><u>PE and Forest School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within EYFS, children are working on their physical development all the time through the outside space, construction materials and climbing equipment. • Forest School is on Friday afternoons. Children will need to bring clothes that are appropriate for the weather in a named bag that they will change into after lunch. Arms and legs must be covered due to risk of bug bites and stings. They will need a named pair of welly boots to keep at school.
<p>Areas of EYFS covered through our CUSP book focus: PSED - Building Relationships, Self-Regulation</p> <p>Science - Everyday Materials, Animals including humans</p> <p>History - Chronology, Understanding the past through story, Their families, Enquiry, Changes within living Memory, Significant people</p> <p>Geography - People and Communities, Seasonal Changes, Place Knowledge, Skills & Fieldwork</p> <p>Art & DT - Range of materials, tools and fixings, sculpting</p> <p>Music/Drama - Improvise, devise and script drama, adapt, create and sustain a range of roles</p>	<p><u>Reading and Home Learning</u> We encourage Tigers to read 3-5 times a week, with 2 house points given for 3 reads.</p> <p>We read the same book three times in school, looking at the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • decoding (using our known phonemes to help us read the words), • prosody (using expression) • comprehension (understanding of the text).
<p>RSHE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My relationships • My beliefs 	<p>They will receive a new book on a Wednesday. They have the same book all week to build up their confidence and fluency. The book that they are reading contains the phonemes that they know and therefore should be easily accessible. Children also have fortnightly sessions in the school library where they choose a book to share with you at home.</p>
<p>RE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did Moses receive the 10 commandments? • Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden? 	<p>Reading books must be in school every day, unfortunately if your child has not returned their reading book the new one is unable to be issued for home use.</p> <p><u>Trips</u> We have planned an exciting trip with Sutton and Hickling for our children this term. As part of our reading and understanding the world curriculum, we will be going to Gressenhall Museum and taking part in their Spring on the farm experience day. More information around costs, timings and what children will need will be coming out in the next few weeks.</p> <p><u>Any other information relevant to your class</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tapestry – Please continue to access your child’s Tapestry account. We share our weekly learning on here and it has been lovely to see the posts that some of you have added too. We share these with the class who love seeing what their friends have been doing at home. • Social Media – Please follow our Facebook account. We share upcoming events and learning on here. <p><u>What to do if you have any concerns</u> I can be contacted at any time via the school office email address office@catfield.norfolk.sch.uk I can also arrange to meet with you after school to talk through any of your concerns.</p>