



## Year R Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope that you all had a lovely half term break and are looking forward all the exciting activities planned for this term.

We thought it would be nice to share with you the ditties we use to help the children to learn the digraphs and trigraphs.

### Phonics Sounds, Ditties and Actions

qu- quick quick! (come here hand motion)

ch - chatter, chatter, chatter (duck hand motion)

sh - shhhhh (finger on lips)

th - thumbs up (do the thumbs up sign)

ng - ring ring (hand to make phone sign)

ai - snail in the rain (rain hand movement)

ee- beep beep (honking horn)

igh - night night (head on hands sleeping)

oa - goat in a boat (rowing boat action)

oo - poo in the zoo (wafting hand across nose for smell)

oo - look at a book (open hands for opening a book)

ar - star in a jar (wiggly fingers for a star)

or - snort snort (make you hand into a fist in front of your nose and move it)

ur- take your turn (pointy bossy finger)

ow - turn that frown upside down (frown face then smile)

oi - all join in (hug)

ear - hear with your ear (cup ear)

air - brush your hair (brushing hair action)

ure - cure your hand (kiss hand better)

er - dinner, dinner (makaton symbol for eating - pretend to eat)



Thank you to those parents who have added observations of their children onto Tapestry. It is brilliant to see what the children have been doing in the holidays.

In this newsletter, we have included important dates that you may need and a summary of some of the things that we will be covering in class from now up until the end of term.

### Important Dates

Time to get your diaries out - these are some important dates for the coming half term:

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Pupil Progress Discussions
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Pupil Progress Discussions
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Mother's Day stall
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year R School Disco (3:30-4:30)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PoW Easter Egg Hunt (during the school day)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Rumble in the Jungle (later performance 6pm)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Rumble in the Jungle (early performance 5pm)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April and Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET days

### The Year R play

The children are very excited about their Spring play. If your child has a speaking part in the play, they will have already brought their lines home. Please can you practise their lines with them, this really helps the children during our rehearsals. Please can you also bring their outfit into school in a named carrier bag.

The following page details some of the activities that we will be undertaking this half term. Our topics this half term are 'Safari' and 'Easter and New Life'.

If you do have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to pop in and see us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Norgate and Mrs Patrick