

Online learning journey Please remember to check your emails from school as you will be receiving weekly class learning journey updates via email.

Sharing achievements/home learning: We love to hear about what the children and their families have been doing at home. Please remember to send these via our EYFS email address (eyfs@keresforthprimary.org.uk). Please note that you will not get a reply from this email address. If you require a reply from school, please email the office directly.

Knowledge organisers: Each time we start a new theme/focus in class we will email out a knowledge organiser. Knowledge organisers contain key vocabulary, facts and things to do at home to help you support your child with their learning.

Home learning: The learning that children do at home is just as valuable, if not more valuable, as that which happens in nursery. We have activities that you can borrow to do at home, including poetry and story sacks, and will send home ideas of activities to do at home and things to talk about in our knowledge organisers. We can provide extra 'homework' upon request e.g. letter formation sheets. We do ask, however, that you do not underestimate the importance of learning through play, having conversations with your child and providing your child with varied experiences. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like any support with learning at home.

Class library: The children are welcome to borrow any book to read at home. Books are changed on a Monday & Thursday. Please note that you may be asked to pay for a replacement if books are lost or damaged.

Please send your child with a bag that will fit a book in so that it doesn't get damaged in transit between nursery and home.

Stay & Play: A calendar with stay-and-play session dates/times has been sent out. These are opportunities for you to come into nursery and see all of the things that your child has been doing as well as take part in some activities.



Keresforth Primary School

Information for Parents/Carers

Nursery– Class Butterfly

Once Upon a Time
and Easter/Spring

Spring 2 2026



Once Upon a Time

Expressive Art and Design

- Music (learning songs & poems, naming instruments, playing instruments with increasing control, tapping out simple rhythms).
- Colour mixing. - Using tools correctly.
- Using a variety of media and materials to create art work inspired by our weekly topics– including play dough and the free choice craft.

Understanding the World

- Celebrations in different cultures and how these are celebrated. Developing positive attitudes about the differences between people, cultures and communities. - Talking about changes in materials when cooking.
- Thinking about seasonal changes (Spring) and different parts of the world. - Internet Safety Week. Melting, heating/cooling

Phonics— *activities are differentiated dependent on previous experiences & understanding*

- Nursery rhymes & poems- learning them and confidently reciting. Older children: - Sound of the week (mdgock), Initial sounds.- Oral blending (e.g. c-a-t = cat) Younger children: - Environmental sounds.- Syllables. - Instrumental sounds.— Isolating words in sentences.- Rhyming stories.

Physical Development

- Dough disco, squiggle whilst you wiggle sessions to develop gross and fine motor skills to support co-ordination and pencil grip.
- Name writing each morning (at the child's own pace).
- Using scissors to snip and cut along lines. - Folding paper
- Cooking activities (use of tools and understanding of hygiene).
- Ball skills (kicking, throwing and catching a large ball with control).
- Using the large climbing frames with confidence (climbing 1 foot to each step, using the climbing wall and going down the fireman's pole).

Personal, Social & Emotional

Turn taking. - Developing self-help skills including dressing & toileting. - Looking after ourselves (healthy eating, teeth brushing, washing, germs, getting a good amount of sleep, exercise, dressing appropriately).—Making friends and sorting out problems.

Communication, Language & Literacy

- Developing vocabulary based on our weekly topics: *Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Easter, Spring, Science Week, Art Week– Mountains*

- Using a book correctly (holding it the correct way up, turning pages, looking at words/pictures).
- Giving meaning to marks that they make whilst drawing/painting. - Character descriptions.
- Listening and responding to stories (talking about events & characters)- including core texts.

At home— *Share stories together. Have conversations at home to introduce, reinforce and explain new vocabulary. Model correct vocabulary at all times. Practise songs and rhymes.*

Maths— *activities are differentiated dependent on previous experiences & understanding*

- Counting songs and rhymes - Days of the week (daily calendar)
- Older Children— Numbers 1-5 (recognising, counting). Number 6. Height & length. Mass. Capacity
- Younger Children— Rote counting to 10. Showing finger numbers to 5 & 10. Counting accurately 1:1. The cardinal principle (the last number that you say when counting is the total amount). Height & length. Mass. Capacity .

