



# Cantrell Primary School

## Spring Term Newsletter

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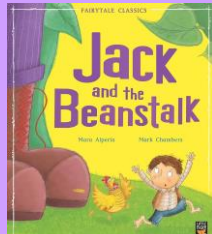
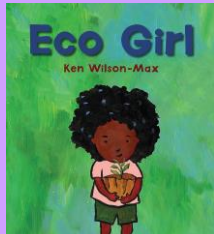


Welcome back to all of our children and families. We hope that you have had a wonderful break. We look forward to continuing our work in partnership with you to support your child's learning. Here is some key information about the term ahead.

#### Topics

Our themes for this term are 'Into the woods!' and 'The Great Outdoors'. This half-term, our keys texts will be 'The Gruffalo's Child' and the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' Through these books, we'll learn about nocturnal animals and investigate seasonal changes. We'll also get the chance to channel our inner Goldilocks by tasting porridge (which will hopefully be 'just right'!). We will learn about Lunar New Year and how communities celebrate locally & throughout the world.

After half-term, we'll be learning about plants and growing. We will learn about different life cycles and continue to look at seasonal changes. We will finish the term by celebrating the festival of Easter. Here's some of our books we'll be using to animate our learning...



#### School Timings

The school day begins at 8:45. We begin learning immediately with Phonics at 9:00 so please ensure that your child is on time. The school day finishes at 3:30. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your class team.

#### Supporting your child at home

Please support your child's development by:

- ✓ encouraging them to get dressed by themselves, including fastening their coat and putting on gloves;
- ✓ teaching them how to use a knife and fork;
- ✓ helping them to practise writing their name (if they can't already do so);
- ✓ revisiting key sounds/words from their phonics lessons;
- ✓ talking to your child about their learning. We will post regular updates with photos on our class story on Dojo to support these conversations.

#### PE Lessons

Don't forget that Monday is PE day. The kit is as follows:

- Black or dark jogging bottoms (shorts in warmer weather)
- Black or dark blue sports jumper – **No hoodies due to health and safety**
- Plain white t-shirt
- Trainers suitable for physical activities

#### Reading at home

Reading at home is our main homework priority. Please read with your child as often as you can and record this on Boom Reader (at least x4 reads each week) This could be their school reading book or a book that you have shared together at home.

#### Reporting Illness

If your child is ill, please contact the school office directly, rather than the class teachers. We don't always have the opportunity to access Dojo until later in the day and it is important that attendance is recorded centrally, through the office team. Please call the main office on:  
0115 915 5770  
or email: [attendance@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk)

#### Diary dates

Inset day – 6.1.25 (back to school on 7.1.25)  
Lunar New Year – 29.1.25  
Half-term break – 17.2.25-21.2.25  
Parents' evening – week beginning 3.3.25  
Mother's Day celebration – 28.3.25  
Break up for the Easter holidays – 4.4.25