

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery Foundation Stage Newsletter – Spring 2026



Belong – Thrive – Learn

Introduction

Welcome to our regular termly newsletter, for Nursery and Reception (F1 & F2). It is designed to bring you up to date with all that's going on this half term and the next. Whether it's curriculum or home learning that you're keen to know more about, it's all found here!

Of course, if there are other questions that you have, or suggestions you'd like to make just get in touch with me or any adult in the team – we'd all be happy to help.

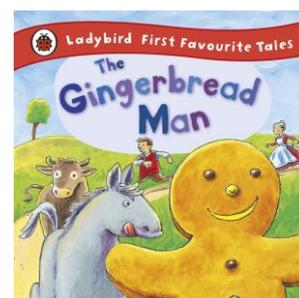
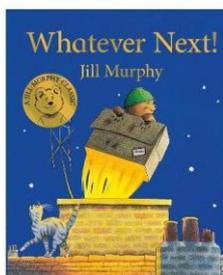
The foundation stage team

Mrs Penn, Miss Jacob, Miss Drennan, Mrs Gubby, and Miss Farrow

Sharing Photos and learning - A HUGE THANK YOU for sharing your photos of your weekend and adventures as a family. We can add them to your child's contact books. *These images HELP* in so many ways. The more photos you send the better as it supports your child sharing their experiences and interests with their peers. We are happy to print photos to add to your child's contact book. Please send them to admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk FAO: Mrs Penn, Miss Drennan or Miss Jacob.

We have continued to develop the children's oral memory through the stories we repeatedly read and the rhymes songs and poems we learn at school and at home.

This half terms repeated core books:



Foundations of Fun

We've been having fun finding out about the world. We sometimes get dirty or wet, which means we are fantastic learners, but we also need to dry off. Please can you help?

Please can **YOUR child** have in their ruck sack named spare clothes, socks, pants, cardigan or jumper, trousers/skirt/dress and a top.

Socks and pants are most important as we often run out of spare sets!

Please can **YOUR child** have a pair of **NAMED** wellington boots at school.

Naming them is really important so that your child can locate their wellies, or we can help them to find them.

Do you have any items that could help us further enhance our provision?

We are looking for any old pots, pans, wooden spoons, metal spoons, metal tins or trays/cake trays, pan lids, buckets and spades for our outdoors area.

If you have any reclaimed materials – clean cardboard or plastic that would normally be recycled, we would love to use this to build models/sculptures with. **Please nothing that used to contain nuts or have nuts in the ingredients, and no toilet rolls, thank you!**

Any toys you are thinking of getting rid of, we would love to see if we could use them first 😊

What have we been up to already?

Nursery (F1)

We have loved getting to know all of our children and their families even better, especially sharing all of the amazing photos of each other's families and baby photos. We have also enjoyed welcoming our new children and their families.

On a Friday we always do some gardening. We have been busy trying to grow cress, herbs, new spider plants from the babies, planting flower bulbs in the welly boots that hang on our fence, AND we have been doing LOTS of weeding in one of our raised beds to make space for new bulbs. When we're outside, we also make sure we notice what is around us. In Autumn, we looked closely at leaves, and in winter we've investigated ice and frost. Most recently, we've been having fun in all of the rain, puddles and mud, and have been looking out for anything that is starting to grow. We have a large gardening book (aswell as a Cookery and Forest School book) that lives on the windowsill and is usually out on Fridays if you would like to see some photos. Please ask us anytime you would like to look at these (or the Cookery and Forest School book) and we will happily get them down for you.



We have been impressed at how all of the children are engaging with our 'proud cloud' and how careful, kind and ready they have been during the day.

Reception (F2)

In Year Reception this half term, I have seen some AMAZING block builds, working on pattern and decoration! We have had children making animals, cars, buildings, and even furniture – all of which have been very impressive.



In writing, we have been practicing drawing pictures and then writing phrases and sentences to describe what we have drawn. This term, we are working on capital letters, finger spaces and punctuation, particularly fullstops and exclamation marks!

In maths, the class have been brilliant at finding one more and one less of amounts, we have even been working on our numeral formation 1-10.

We have made some beautiful puppets for the characters of Gingerbread Man and have enjoyed reenacting the story with our friends, particularly the part that goes 'run run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!'.

Well done, Year Reception for all your hard work and for being Ready, Kind and Careful! 😊