



St Anne's CE Primary School, Grantham

Class & Curriculum Overview

Foundation Stage

Spring Term 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,



School & Home Links

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a great Christmas and we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

During the Spring Term we will continue our learning following our annual curriculum framework for the Foundation Stage. Each of our half-termly themes within the framework allow us lots of flexibility and freedom to be guided by the needs and interests of the children in our class. Please find the details of our framework attached on our class web page. We are very excited to be starting the Spring Term with our *Amazing Animals* theme, with more details below.

We would like to encourage all parents to continue reading with their children as often as possible at home. It is so valuable for children making excellent progress and developing their confidence when reading independently, but also provides a lovely opportunity for children and parents to spend time together. Children should be reading at least three times a week, even just for five minutes at bedtime. Please support us in helping your child 'rocket' with their reading and make time to share their reading book as often as possible at home. Don't forget to sign your child's diary, too!



Don't forget to check out the school's website www.st-annes.lincs.sch.uk for information about all aspects of school, from lunch menus to term dates and school news. We will continue to share your child's learning on Class Dojo and would love to hear about what the children have also been doing at home, so don't be shy and share a portfolio post or two so we can help your child celebrate their 'wow' moments from outside of school, too! ★



Special Events

There will be lots of exciting things happening in Foundation Stage and the rest of the school during the Spring Term, but some of the important dates include:

Spring Term 1

- Children's Mental Health Week 9/2/26-13/2/26
- Safer Internet Day 10/2/26
- Spring Term 1 Ends 13/2/26 @ 3:10pm

Spring Term 2

- Parents' Evenings 24/2/26 & 26/2/26
- Book Fair (Dates to follow)
- World Book Day 5/3/26
- Comic Relief 20/3/26
- Y2 Road Safety Workshop 24/3/26
- Easter Service 30/3/26 @9.30am
- Spring Term 2 Ends 02/4/26 @ 3:10pm

Further details of these events, and more, will follow in the school newsletters.



Communication & Language and Literacy

This term, the children will continue developing their skills in listening, speaking and understanding, as well as reading and writing. We will continue to have 5x weekly Read Write Inc. Phonics sessions to help develop these skills. Linked to our themes where possible, the children will also be participating in lots of writing opportunities during their play. Our learning will focus on writing words, including spelling and creating simple sentences to communicate meaning. There will also be a focus on developing the children's love for mark-making, so it would be great if you could try and include opportunities for your child to write at home. This could include: letter or card writing, shopping lists, posters or signs, post-it 'reminders' or make a book and write a story – the possibilities are endless and lots of fun!



Maths

The children will continue with the Mastering Number program with particular emphasis on the composition of numbers to 5 and 10. They will learn how these numbers can be represented, how they are made up from smaller numbers (composition) and how to subitise (recognise a number just by looking!). They will also be learning to measure and compare the length, height, weight and capacity of a range of items. Having fun with maths at home practically is an excellent way to support and give confidence to your child in this subject, so feel free to factor in some counting and maths games at home, too!



RE

We will continue to follow the Lincolnshire RE Syllabus this term as the children learn to recognise and explore their own feelings, and discuss key people in their lives. Following this we will begin to focus on the events of the Easter story in the run up to this important Christian celebration.



PSED

Through stories, drama, discussion and games the children will consider the themes *Dreams & Goals* and *Healthy Me*. They will also continue to develop their personal and social skills through a variety of scenarios and interactions with other children and adults. We are excited to be taking part in a new programme of PSED which will support our children further with understanding emotions and building relationships with others.



Themes

Learning in the Foundation Stage will continue to be focussed around children's needs, interests, questions and the world around them, following a flexible series of interesting themes. The children will enjoy carefully structured and purposeful activities, whilst being given lots of opportunity for developing their knowledge and skills through play, both inside and outside the classroom. The themes for the Spring Term are detailed below:

Theme 1: *Amazing Animals* (6 weeks)

The children will begin by exploring what the season of winter brings to our environment and learn about the animals that live in colder climates, such as in the Arctic. Linked to this, we will explore the weather using hands-on experiences, including experimenting with ice and hopefully snow! Our theme will continue with a focus on our own pets and will link to a range of fabulous stories such as *Tabby McTat*, and the familiar tales of *Mog* and *Kipper*. The classroom role-play area will transform into a veterinary surgery and the children will get lots of opportunities to learn about animal facts and how we care for our pets when they are poorly.

Following this, we will look at the kinds of animals that live in the wild, both in our locality and in other countries. This will include huge safari animals, all the way to tiny minibeasts, and the children will have lots of opportunities to discover about these amazing creatures through all areas of learning. We will round off our *Amazing Animals* theme by looking at the animals in the story of *The Great Race*, linked to the Lunar (Chinese) New Year. The children will learn about how this special time of year is celebrated through role-play and exploring media and materials in Art & Design.

Theme 2: *Terrific Tales* (6 weeks)

During this fun-filled theme, we will explore a range of classic stories, as well as favourite books chosen by the class. We will create story settings, discuss plots and characters, and will perform our own mini versions of favourite stories using role-play with props on our self-made stages. We will create a fairy-tale castle in the classroom and play at being princes, princesses, knights, dragons and trolls. The children will also have the opportunity to create their own characters and stories, which they can role-play, video and even create their very own story books.

We will link the themes of our focus stories to other aspects of the curriculum, such as healthy living, friendships, art and discovering about the world.

Looking forward to another great term!

Team YR 😊