



Seaham Harbour Nursery School

Early Learners Newsletter – March 2026

Dear Parents

We hope you all had a good half term break. Thank you to all who have added some stories/photographs to their child's Opal Learning Journal. If you haven't, please could you add something so we can share these with your child.



Our theme this half term is 'Spring' where children will be looking at changes in the environment, looking at signs of New Life and celebrating Easter.

Core Books and Core Rhymes

Our core books this half term are 'Old MacDonald', 'Animal Music' and 'Peter Rabbit's Easter Surprise'. You may have these books at home that you could also share with your child or why not visit the library and borrow a copy.

The core rhymes and songs we are learning this half term are 'Horsey, Horsey', 'Miss Polly', 'Old MacDonald', 'Can You Clap Like Me?', 'Sleeping Bunnies', 'Little Peter Rabbit' and '3 Speckled Frogs'. You might want to sing them and do the actions with your child and make them part of your daily routine.



Book Bags

Starting next week our Early Learner children will be able to borrow a book bag containing a book and a puppet for you to read and share together at home. Once you and your child have finished reading the book they can return the bag, book and puppet for a new one.



Governor Week -Week commencing 9th March

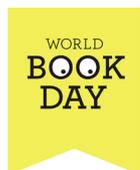
Our governors will be in school during this week as part of their monitoring role talking to and working with the staff and children.



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day by having lots of activities based around our 'Favourite Books'. You have been given an invite to join us for a short time that day to share books and read stories to your child. All children will receive a book to take home.

Children DO NOT NEED to wear fancy dress costumes.



Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March We are celebrating Red Nose Day with a 'non-uniform' day. Children can come to nursery, in 'practical, sensible clothes' and remember we will still have water, glue, paints and sand out, as well as going outdoors! If children would like to make a £1 donation, they can drop it in the collection bucket.





Spring Craft – Week commencing 16th March Throughout the week we will be holding Spring Craft sessions for you to come into Early Learners to join your child in making lots of Spring crafts. (Further details will follow in a separate letter).



Easter Raffle We are hoping to hold an Easter Raffle and this will be drawn on **Tuesday 31st March**. If anyone would like to make a contribution to the raffle (Sweets, Easter Eggs, Chocolates, Toiletries, Wine, Gifts etc.) please can you send them in no later than 27th March. Likewise, if anyone knows of any businesses or companies who would like to donate a raffle prize, please see Mrs Scott or Mrs Marshall. Raffle tickets will be issued at a later date. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Working Parent Code Re-Confirmation Date If you haven't reconfirmed your code since 1st January 2026 please can you do so before 31st March 2026. Once you have done this please let Mrs Marshall know, the **next reconfirmation date**, she does not need your code number. Without this reconfirmation your child will not be able to attend.



Nursery Places for September 2026 We will be allocating September places for children moving into nursery in May. If you are unsure as to whether or not you will qualify for a 30-hour place then please see the 'Best Start in Life' website for clarification or if you are unsure as to whether or not to take up a 30-hour place, please give Mrs Scott or Mrs Wilson a ring.

If you know anyone who would like a place in Early Learners or Nursery please ask them to contact Mrs Marshall as soon as possible in the office or e-mail seahamharbour.nursery@durhamlearning.net



Dates for your diaries

Thursday 2nd April – Nursery closes for Easter
Monday 20th April – Nursery opens
Monday 27th April – 'Special Delivery' day
Monday 4th May - Nursery closed – May Day Holiday
Friday 22nd May – Nursery closes for Half Term
Monday 1st June – Nursery opens

Thank you

Carole Scott
Headteacher

