



Reception Class Newsletter Spring Term 2

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Curriculum Overview

Our two topics this term are called 'Growing and Changing' and 'Signs of Spring'.

In our 'Growing and Changing' topic your child will take part in activities to explore where food comes from. They will learn about the history of farming and draw a map of a farm. They will find out about life on a farm and about baby animals. Your child will explore what seeds and plants need to grow and grow a variety of plants. They will explore what constitutes a healthy lifestyle, including eating fruit and vegetables. Your child will design and make a fruit salad. They will learn about the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and recreate some of his artwork. We are going on a class trip to Rand Farm on **Thursday 14th March**. Please see letter in your child's book bag.

Supporting your child at home with this topic

- Visit your local library and find books about farms to share.
- Make a shopping list together and go to the shops to buy the food.
- Grow some quick growing plants or make a cress head.
- Talk about healthy foods.
- Go on a walk looking for signs of spring

Our mini topic this half term is called 'Signs of Spring'. We will learn about the changes that happen in spring, including the weather and living things.

Phonics - We will continue to have daily Phonics lessons and begin to learn Set 2 sounds.

Maths - We will be continuing to secure our knowledge of the numbers 1-10.

Drawing Club -

RE - Our R.E. topic this half term is "Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden? We will be learning about the Easter story and its importance to Christians.

Music - Our topic this half term is 'Our World'.

PE - Our PE lesson is every Wednesday at 9am, long hair needs to be tied up and earrings removed please.

Reading

Home readers - Please use the boom reader app to record each time your child reads at home. Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day.

Library books - Every Friday Reception class will visit the school library. Children are allowed to take one book home to share with their grown-ups each week. We then expect the book to be returned on the following Friday to exchange for a new book.

Links with home

Tapestry accounts - Please upload photos and videos of things your child gets up to at home that they would like to share with the class in show and tell time.

General Notices

Behaviour system - In class we have discussed expected and unacceptable behaviour. Children are rewarded with team points for good behaviour in and around school and these contribute to our whole school team point totals. We also choose a star of the week each Friday in Reception Class.

Birthday - Your child can come in their own clothes on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend or a school holiday, please choose the day closest to it.

Water bottles - Please only send plain water in these.

Labelling clothes - Please ensure that you have labelled all your child's belongings, including P.E. kit, school uniform, bags, bottles, coats and shoes.

Weather - In Reception class we go outside whatever the weather! Please bring a raincoat every day.

Kind regards Mrs. McGlynn, Miss Gamwell and Mrs. Wright