

Reception Newsletter



Summer 1

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. We were delighted with how well the children settled back into school life last half term. The children as ever showed great enthusiasm for our Dinosaur and Spring topics last half term. We have more exciting topics in Reception this term starting with our Let's Grow! topic followed by Magnificent Minibeasts. We are very excited about our delivery of caterpillars and we can't wait to observe and learn about growth and life cycles!



Let's Grow! and Magnificent Minibeasts:

This term our topics are 'Lets grow!' and 'Magnificent Minibeasts'. We will be reading stories including; 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Tuesday' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will write instructions when planting a magic bean, as well as writing about what we might find at the top of our own imaginary beanstalk.

We will be planting our own seeds and observing them as they grow in our outdoor investigation area. We will talk about what plants need to grow. We will also be observing caterpillars as they grow and change in our minibeast investigation lab.

We will observe plants and flowers and make detailed drawings of what we can see. We will also look at the work of Henri Matisse and create our own spiral snail pictures.



Reading:

Our book change days will be changing slightly this half term. Many of you who asked us at parents' evening how you could help your child at school will recall that we said if you have time for nothing else, read. Listening to your child read, as well as reading stories to them will not only help them with their reading skills but will develop their language skills which will also help them to make progress with their writing. We will be sending a message to each class on Tapestry to make you aware of the book change day for your class. We will be continuing to quarantine books and have therefore sourced more books to enable the children to keep the books for longer at home. Please ensure your child's books are in their book bags on their designated book change day and throughout the week so that they can be changed efficiently and your child can be read with in school as well as at home. Your help with this makes a big difference and we really appreciate your support.





Star of the Week

For one week in the year in Reception, each child has the opportunity to be our Star of the Week. Due to lockdown unfortunately, lots of children have missed their date for being Star of the Week. We will be recommencing Star of the Week from 26.4.21 so that each child will have had a turn by the end of the Reception year. If your child has not been Star of the Week yet this year then we will be sending a message on Tapestry with their date. As we are limited with time, some weeks more than one child in each class will be the Star of the Week. In the past we have invited children to bring to school items of interest from home. Our 'stars' have brought in items such as photographs, an interesting object or story, a member of their family or their pet to show their friends. Due to COVID restrictions and our school risk assessment, this year Star of the Week is a little different. We would like to invite children to post to Tapestry this year as part of their Star of the Week. The posts which we have had so far this year have been brilliant and could be anything from their favourite stories, pictures of their pets, introducing members of their family, or sharing family photographs. We will look at the posts as a class together and your child will be able to talk and share with us whatever they have chosen. We will be sending individual dates on Tapestry this week.

PE

PE days will be changing this half term and children will need to continue to come to school in their PE kit on their designated day.

RED CLASS – Monday & Wednesday

BLUE CLASS – Monday & Thursday

Early Reading Workshops

You will be aware that Mrs Ward sent a reading questionnaire on ParentMail last half term. Thank you very much for your responses. We are planning to deliver an online information session to support you with helping your child during the stages of Early Reading. The session will be available to view from 26.4.21 .

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch either by ringing or emailing the school office, who will pass on your queries or alternatively, leave us a message on Tapestry and we will get back to you.

With your continued support, I am sure that we will have another successful and exciting half term ahead of us.

Best Wishes,
The Early Years Team