

Reception Class Newsletter

Spring Term

The focus of this half term is 'Building and Growing'. Each week we will have a new book to read that builds on our theme, starting with 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will also be learning all about Easter this half term. We will be focusing on continuing to apply our phonics and Maths knowledge to our work in provision.

LITERACY

Reading

We will continue to practice our reading skills by reading decodable books ourselves and being read to at school to build our vocabulary. We will be learning lots of new vocabulary in our Building and Growing topic such as roots, leaves, stem, pollen etc.

Writing

This half term we will continue to practice our caption and sentence writing becoming increasingly independent! We will be practicing remembering full stops, capital letters and finger spaces and using our phonics to help us and trying to remember those tricky words!

Mathematics

White Rose Maths

The focus for this half term is Growing 9 and 10. We will continue to develop a sense of these numbers by learning to subitise the amounts, recognise the numeral and what smaller numbers these are composed of. We will then move on to learning our number bonds to 10 and learning some new rhymes to help us remember!

For our shape, space and measure topic this half term we will be thinking about 3D shapes and pattern which the children really enjoyed the introduction to at the beginning of the year!



Phonics

We will have phonics sessions every afternoon as a whole class then move into groups to complete an activity.

On our return to school, we will begin learning our set 3 sounds and learning even more digraphs, trigraphs and even some super tricky split digraphs!

Please continue to read with your child at home and record this in their reading record. They will continue to read on a Monday and a Thursday with our ditty books being changed on a Thursday.

SUPPORT

Counting and ordering numbers to 10 at home.

Singing songs and nursery rhymes on a daily basis will help develop language skills.

Continue to read our reading books at home!

Building and Growing

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be encouraging the children to try lots of new activities and asking them to explain which ones they liked.

We will also continue to work on our negotiation skills to solve problems with increasing independence.

Physical Development

In PE this half term, we will be thinking about ball skills and games. We will learn to throw and catch a ball with increasing accuracy and continue to experiment with different ways of moving. We will continue developing our fine motor skills, with a particular focus on using scissors and holding our pencils correctly to form letters. With our Building and Growing topic this half term, we will also be thinking about healthy eating.

Communication and Language

We will be continuing to develop storylines in our play and taking others ideas into account to develop these. To develop our conversational skills this half term we will answer lots of different types of questions, including how and why questions, about the books we read.

Understanding the World

In our topic this half term, we will be thinking all about growing. We will think about the different parts of a plant and what they need to help them grow by reading lots of different stories and having a go at planting some seeds both inside and out. We will also be learning about the life cycle of a plant by observing the changes over time.

Expressive Arts and Design

For expressive arts and design, we will be thinking about constructing for a purpose in line with our Building and Growing topic and how we can make amendments to our models when necessary. We will also be developing our use of different tools in the creative area and how we can use these to assist in our creations.