

Reception Class Newsletter Spring 2

The focus of this half term is 'Building and Growing'. We start with The Princess and the Wizard for World Book Day then move onto our topic in Science week. 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 be continuing 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 working on 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 how numbers to 10 are composed. 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! We will be building on our knowledge of AB patterns and learning about AAB, ABB, ABC etc. using lots of stories like Pattern Fish and Pattern Bugs to help us.

Phonics

We practise phonics twice a day in groups. We begin the day with a speed sounds session where we learn a new sound. We practise reading words with that sound, practise reading words with sounds we have learnt previously and we write words containing our new sound.

In our second session, we read a storybook matched to our phonics ability. We work in pairs to do this and give each other quizzes on sounds, tricky words and words in the story before taking it in turns to read a page from the book.

Reading is changing slightly this half term. Children will now bring home a reading book, their storybook from Phonics and a reading for pleasure library book on a Thursday. Any questions about the new system, please just ask!

SUPPORT

Counting and ordering numbers to 10 at home.

Identifying numerals in the environment.

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

Read reading books at home.

Building and Growing

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are working on being confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. We are also working on getting changed independently for PE.

Physical Development

In PE this half term, we are continuing with our learning about controlling a ball with a particular focus on throwing and catching independently, in pairs and in a group.

We will continue developing our fine motor skills, with a particular focus on using scissors and holding our pencils correctly to form letters accurately. With our Building and Growing topic this half term, we will also be thinking about healthy eating.

Communication and Language

This half term we are working on developing our vocabulary and using that new vocabulary in conversations.

We will participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering our own ideas and using recently introduced vocabulary.

We will also work on using the correct past, present and future tenses.

Understanding the World

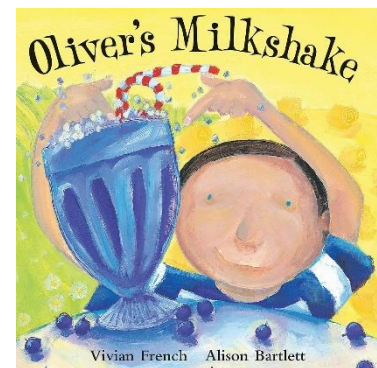
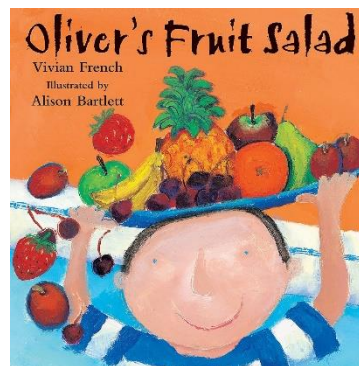
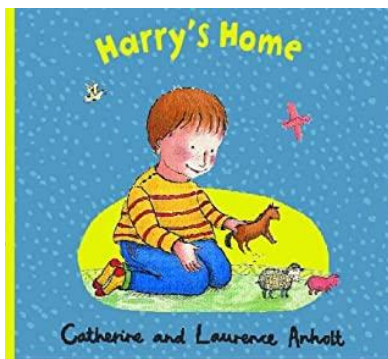
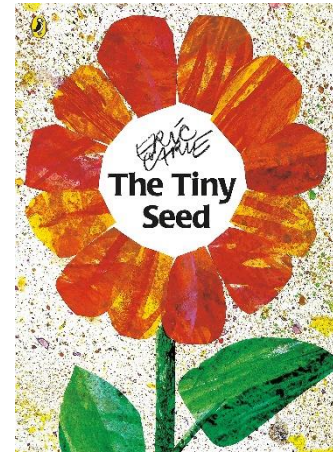
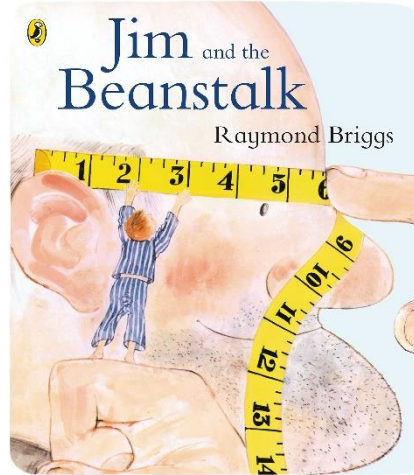
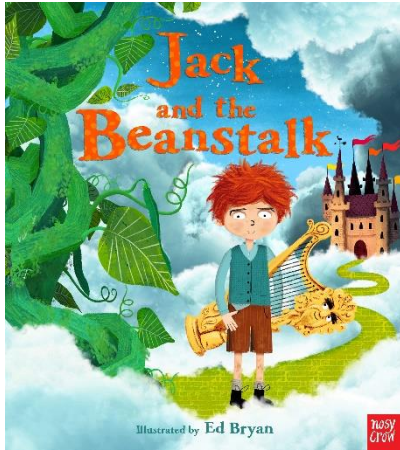
In our topic this half term, we will be thinking all about growing. We will think about the different parts of a plant and what they need to help them grow by reading lots of different stories and having a go at planting some seeds both inside and out. We will explore the natural world around us, make observations and draw pictures of animals and plants.

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. When we share our creations, we will work on being able to explain the process. Linking to our literacy work, we will also invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and the teacher.

Building and Growing topic books

In Reception, we try to choose our books based on the children's interests. We do have a few 'old favourites' that we know work well within the topic so we may use to inform our choices.



Books linking to our Maths learning

