



Please continue to read at home with your child every night. It really does make a big difference to their progress.



Please send book bags in on days indicated in your child's reading record. Your child's book will be changed once a week.



Please continue to bring a water bottle each day.



PE days are on **Tuesdays**. Please make sure your child comes to school in their correct PE kit.

## Reception Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back Reception! We hope you have had a restful break and are ready for another fun filled half term at school. The children made some brilliant progress during the beginning of the Spring term. To support them further please ensure you are completing homework and reading at least 5 times per week.

The theme for this term is 'How does your garden grow?'. We will be looking at the lifecycles of plants and animals, learning how to plant seeds and take care of them and discussing the importance of staying healthy.

Should you have any concerns about your child do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher at the beginning or end of the school day or leave them a message on Seesaw.

### Key Information & Reminders:

#### Reading at home!

Please continue to read with your child at home. Please sign their reading record once they have read at home. This needs to be 5 times a week. We will be monitoring this.

We change books once a week – however, please ensure your child has their book in school every day as they can be asked to read more than once a week.

#### Spare clothes

Please provide your child with spare clothes clearly labelled that can stay on their peg in case of any accidents.

#### Water Bottles and Snack

Children are permitted to have water bottles in school filled with WATER ONLY.

#### Seesaw

Homework tasks are set weekly on Seesaw each week to reinforce their learning. Please ensure your child is accessing the online reading books and home challenge.



**We are looking forward to a great new year of learning and can't wait to get started!**

**The Reception Team**



## Literacy

This half term we will continue to introduce new and well loved texts to your children. We will look at a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will be developing our writing skills and using our phonics knowledge to help us write short sentences using full stops and capital letters. We will become more independent with our story telling and predictions and practice retelling familiar stories.



## Mathematics

We will continue to look at counting, ordinality and cardinality. We will be looking at the counting sequence to 10 in detail and continue to practise counting beyond 20. We will also be looking at comparing amounts and using vocabulary such as 'more than', 'less than' and 'equal to' to describe the relationship between numbers.



## UTW/ Science

We will be learning about the lifecycles of plants and animals and discussing the changes that happen as the lifecycle progresses.



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## PSHE Healthy Me

We will be thinking about making healthy choices through food, exercise and our relationships with our friends.



## RE Easter

Why do Christians believe that Easter is all about love?

## UTW/ Geography/ History

We will be looking at changes in nature and reviewing how things change over time due to seasonal change. We will be looking at new growth in Spring and identifying baby animals. We will also begin to develop an understanding of how animals and plants grow over time.

## P.E

We will be developing a range of skills such as throwing, catching, balancing and working in teams.

## DT

We will be linking our skills in EAD & developing a design to construct a sculpture, in the style of Barbara Hepworth. We will be exploring this using a variety of materials & will decide upon which is most suitable to use.

## Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

This half term we will be exploring shape and working with mediums such as salt dough & clay. We will be looking at the work of Barbara Hepworth & recreating small sculptures in her style. We will also be developing our skills in reflecting upon our work and how to improve our skills further.