



Does everything grow?

PRE-NURSERY

We are looking forward to learning lots about growing and what happens during the season of Spring this half-term. We'll be exploring the sensory garden, looking at how our plants are starting to grow. We'll also be growing a class sunflower and investigating how it changes over time. The 5th March is Pancake Day, when we'll be tasting a variety of pancake toppings and finding out what happens to our taste buds with the different flavours!

NURSERY AND RECEPTION

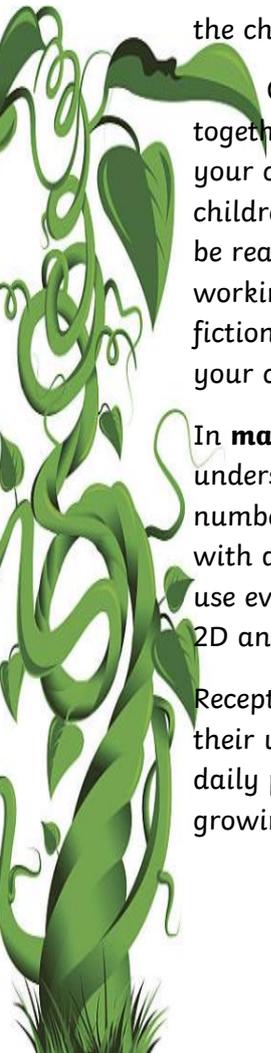
Our Nursery and Reception children will also be exploring all about growth this half-term. We'll look at how humans grow and study how plants grow through various means, including growing our own bean plants. We'll also be investigating growth in insects, as we study the life cycle of our very own caterpillars whilst they transform into butterflies. Watch out for their arrival this week!

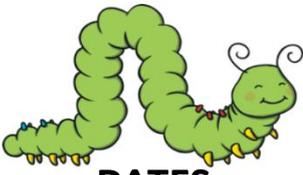
In **literacy**, our Nursery children will concentrate on developing their speaking and listening skills. This will support them in attuning to the sounds around them, enabling them to develop their oral blending and segmenting skills, laying the foundation for more formal phonics work. Our Reception children will continue learning new sounds and consolidating the ones they have already learned. We will keep on working on blending and supporting the children in their segmenting and emergent writing.

Once your child knows the sound that each letter makes and can 'blend' them together, they will start bringing reading books home. Please do not worry if you think your child's reading book seems easy for them. We teach reading every day, where the children are challenged with texts that will help them to make progress. Your child should be reading their home reading book with a least 95% accuracy, and the main purpose of working through our scheme, is so that they read a broad variety of both fiction and non-fiction books. Please write in your child's reading log, recording when you have read and your child's strengths and weaknesses with the book.

In **maths**, the children will be doing lots of practical activities to support their understanding of mathematical concepts. Our 'number' activities will focus on recognising numbers, writing numbers and understanding what 'one more' and 'one less' is, together with addition and subtraction. Our space, shape and measures activities will support us to use everyday language related to time and measuring time in simple ways. We will explore 2D and 3D shapes, learning the mathematical terms to describe the shapes.

Reception children will continue to bring home weekly maths-related homework to develop their understanding. In addition to your support with this, please continue to encourage daily practice of counting and help them to recognise and form numbers, to support their growing confidence in maths





DATES

7 March 2019 World Book Day for all children – Children are encouraged to dress in an outfit linked to a story that is related to our half-term's topic.

7 March 2019 8:50am-9:30am Stay and read session for parents of all children

13 March 2019 3:45pm-6:45pm Parents' evening for Reception children

14 March 2019 3:45pm-5:15pm Parents' evening for Reception children

15 March 2019 Red Nose Day – Further details to follow

28 March 2019 2:45pm Mother's Day Service in school – Mums, Grandmas and Aunties are all invited to attend.

29 March 2019 2:45pm Child of Achievement – Parents will be notified approximately a week in advance if your child has been chosen so that you can attend.

29 March 2019 SCHOOL CLOSURES for Easter holidays

15 April 2019 1:15pm Egg decorating afternoon for parents of Reception children and Nursery children who attend on a Monday afternoon. Parents to provide a hard-boiled egg, please.

19 April 2019 SCHOOL CLOSED Good Friday

22 April 2019 SCHOOL CLOSED Easter Monday

24 April 2019 2:45pm Easter Service in School Hall – Parents are welcome to attend this service. Our Reception children will be attending.

6 May 2019 SCHOOL CLOSED May Day Bank Holiday

23 May 2019 2:45pm Child of Achievement – Parents will be notified approximately a week in advance if your child has been chosen so that you can attend.

24 May 2019 SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher Training Day

If you would like further details or clarification on any of these dates please speak to Mrs Peel or Mrs Gillatt

Please ...

- Send your child with a water bottle that they can drink from throughout the day. Only water is allowed in water bottles, however, juice may be brought as part of your child's packed lunch.
- Send your child in a warm, waterproof coat every day, together with a hat and gloves. Having these in school means they can always engage with the outdoor provision.
- Send your child with a labelled set of spare clothes, which can stay on their peg should it be required.
- Ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week (RECEPTION CHILDREN)
- Do not allow your child to bring their own toys to school. Things can be broken or go missing very easily, so to prevent any upset it is best that any personal belongings are left at home.
- Help your child to learn to dress themselves, and put on their coat, so that they are supported in their growing independence at school.

MILK – Once your child has turned 5, milk is no longer provided free of charge. Should you wish your child to continue having milk in school, please speak to the office to organise payment.

NUT ALLERGIES There are children in school with severe nut allergies. Mrs Cobb, our Nursery Nurse, also has a severe allergy. Please do not send food that contains nuts into school. This includes, peanut butter, Nutella, cereal/chocolate bars containing nuts and any baked goods brought into school as part of any birthday celebrations.

CONTRIBUTIONS We have contribution boxes in our classrooms, which help to fund any baking we do with the children, our 'Friday treat' and any extras we may need for craft activities. We are always grateful for any contributions to Bertie or Clarence the Cat! In addition, we are always on the lookout for materials including buttons, ribbon, paper and card. If you have any that you do not need at any time throughout the year, please bring them in.