

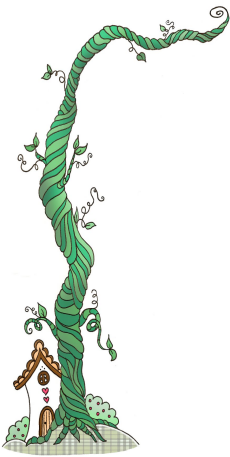


EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER 2018

Welcome back, we hope you all have had a lovely Easter and are ready for a fun filled Summer term!



Topic



Our new topic for the first half of the Summer Term is 'Ready, Steady, Grow'.

This will involve children gaining hands-on experience of planting seeds, observing and caring for the plants as they grow.

We will also be exploring the process that sees our food travel from the farm to our forks, with emphasis on different fruits and vegetables that are grown. Some of the books we will be focusing on are: 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Jaspers Beanstalk', 'A Seed in Need', 'Grow it, Eat it' and 'Oliver's Vegetables'.

Religious Education

This term our theme is '**New Life**'.

In the first half of the term the children will hear that Jesus was raised to new life at Easter. Before the holidays they experienced the preparation for Easter in the classroom. Now they will learn how Jesus went back to his Father in Heaven and promised his friends the gift of the Holy Spirit, to help them to spread the Good News about Jesus.

There will be lots of opportunities to investigate the new life they see all around them in the springtime.



You can help your child by:

- Following the events in the Children's Bible
- Finding opportunities to point out to your child the signs of new life in the garden, the parks and in the fields (new lambs, calves, etc.)
- Pointing out the signs and symbols in church, especially the Paschal candle, which is a sign that Jesus is alive and with us

This is also a good time to share some little practical activities connected with the garden or, if you do not have a garden, planting up of window boxes, etc. At bedtime, include prayers that thank God for the new life we see around us.

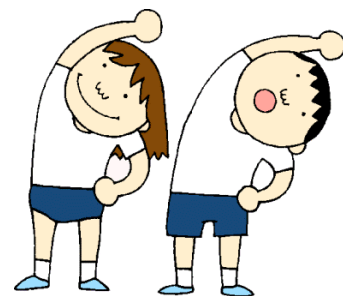
Sun safety



As we hope to see some more sun this half term please could we ask you to send your child to school with a named sun hat. Sun cream should be applied before school, however if you feel it needs to be topped up during the day, children can bring in their own, named lotion to apply themselves.

Reception PE

We would now like the children in Reception to get changed into shorts and a t-shirt for P.E. sessions. They will need to get changed into P.E. kits when they are in Year 1, so this will be good practise for then and will help to further develop their independence and self- help skills. There is no need to buy the school P.E. kit, as they may wear any colour shorts/t-shirts (something they already have). Also there is no need to buy pumps/trainers as they may wear their shoes or bare feet depending on the activity.



It works best if the children bring and leave their shorts and t-shirts in a bag on their peg for the half term (when it will be sent home to be cleaned). We plan to do dance on a Monday and P.E. on a Wednesday, but this sometimes changes at short notice.

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and that the children practise dressing and undressing at home.

Watch this space for further information regarding the exciting educational trip we are organising for all Nursery and Reception children later in the Summer Term!

Thank you for your continued support,

The Early Years Foundation Stage Team