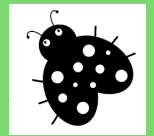




# Reception Summer 1 Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. Last half term was a brilliant term in Reception. The children, as ever, showed great enthusiasm for our Animals and Spring topics last half term. We have more exciting topics in Reception this term starting with our Let's Grow! topic followed by Magnificent Minibeasts. We are very excited about our delivery of caterpillars and we can't wait to observe and learn about growth and life cycles!



## LETS GROW! & MAGNIFICENT MINIBEASTS

This term our topics are 'Lets grow!' and 'Magnificent Minibeasts'. We will be reading stories including; 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Tuesday' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will write instructions when planting a magic bean, as well as writing about what we might find at the top of our own imaginary beanstalk.

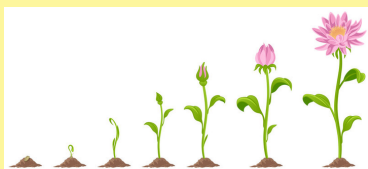
We will be planting our own seeds and observing them as they grow in our outdoor investigation area. We will talk about what plants need to grow. We will also be observing caterpillars as they grow and change in our minibeast investigation lab.

We will observe plants and flowers and make detailed drawings of what we can see. We will also look at the work of Henri Matisse and create our own spiral snail pictures.

## READING AND SOUND BOOKS

The children are continuing to impress us with their fantastic progress with reading this year. Thank you so much for your support in listening to them read regularly and helping them to learn the sounds and words in their sound books. Many of you who asked us at parents' evening how you could help your child at school will recall that we said if you have time for nothing else, read. Listening to your child read, as well as reading stories to them will not only help them with their reading skills but will develop their language skills which will also help them to make progress with their writing.

We collect reading books in **EVERY TUESDAY**. It is really important that children have their books in their bag on this day. We do our group reads in school on Tuesday and Wednesday so that new books can be sent home on a Thursday. Recently, lots of books have not been returned to school in time which impacts on our ability to do group reads in school. Please could you ensure that both reading books are returned to school every Tuesday. Thanks for your continued support.



## DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

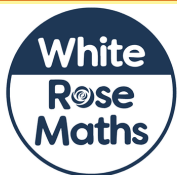


- 3rd May - Maths Parent Workshop
- 4th May - Reception Stay and Play
- 17th May - School photograph day



## MATHS PARENT WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 3rd May at 5pm there will be a maths workshop for Reception parents to attend. We will be providing you with an overview of our maths curriculum in Reception, how maths is taught as well as the end of year expectations for Reception children in maths. We will also share with you the resources we use to support the teaching of maths in school. We hope this will be useful and support you to feel confident in supporting your child with maths at home.



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### HALL HILL FARM

We had so much fun on our visit to Hall Hill Farm last term. It was a fantastic way to consolidate our learning about farm animals.

The children enjoyed holding chicks, guinea pigs and rabbits as well as feeding goats, kids, donkeys and lambs. We also enjoyed a tractor ride around the farm in the sunshine! Thank you for your contributions towards this trip and to the parent volunteers - we really appreciate your support!



### PE

Our PE days for this half term can be found below. Please ensure that PE kits are in school all week. Could we also ask that you ensure PE kits are fully named so that lost kit can be returned as quickly as possible. We will be working with a sports coach from NUF for our weekly sessions on a Wednesday this half term.

PE days this half term:

Ladybird Class: Tuesday and Wednesday

Honeybee Class: Wednesday and Friday

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch either by catching us on the door at home time or ringing/emailing the school office, who will pass on your queries. Alternatively, leave us a message on Tapestry and we will get back to you.

With your continued support, I am sure that we will have another successful and exciting half term ahead of us.

Best Wishes,  
The Early Years Team