

Year R: Honeybees

Term 4: Spring

Topic- Ready Steady Grow!



Key Vocabulary linked to our topic:

Blossom	Growing	Calf	Lamb	Foal
Farm	Healthy	Animals	Exercise	Money
Eat	Plant	Seed	Warmth	Water

RESPECT

INDEPENDENCE

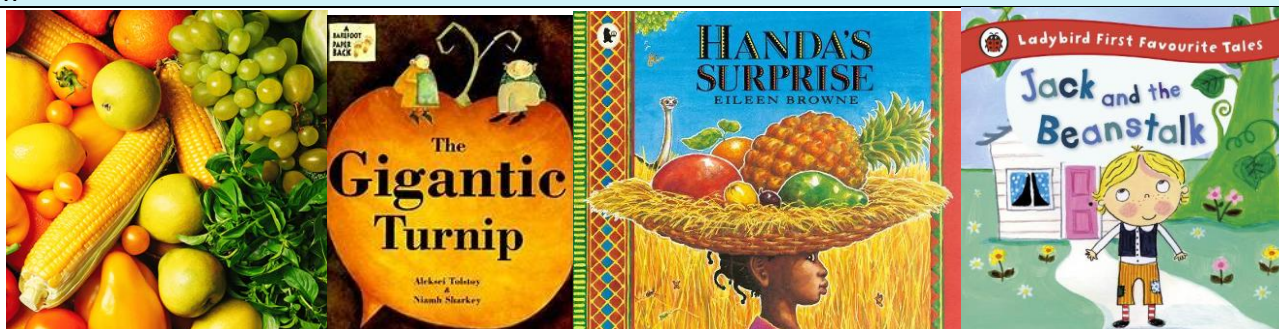
CONFIDENCE

CREATIVITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are now halfway through Reception- it is going so fast! I hope you have enjoyed your half-term and are nice and recharged! We have an exciting new topic for the next couple of months called Ready, Steady, Grow. During this topic, we will be learning all about growing food, farms, Spring and baby animals. We will be planting beans and sunflowers and having a go at growing vegetables from scraps. In addition, we will be thinking about being healthy and how food, sleep and exercise is important.

We will also be coming to the end of our Phase 3 phonics and moving on to Phase 4 shortly. Please continue to read daily with your child and record any comments in their yellow reading book. Reading daily with your child is important, as it will help them recognise letter sounds and practice their blending for reading and fluency. We are also focusing on numbers 6-10+ in our maths and have been practicing counting to 100 in 1s, 20 in 2s and 100 in 10s!!



English: Writing and Reading

This half term we will be focusing on

- reading words and sentences fluently.
- writing words and sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops using our phonic knowledge.
- We will also be practicing reading our sentences back to check that they make sense.

English: Phonics

This half term our phonic order will be:

- Week 1- ow,oi plus revision
- Week 2- Revision week
- Week 3- ear, air, ure
- Week 4- ure, er plus revision
- Week 5- Revision week
- Week 6- sp,dr,fl,br,bl

Maths

Week 1- We will be focusing on using small numbers to make 9 and 10. These are called number bonds to 9 and 10. We will also be having a go at counting in 1s to 100 and 2s and 10s.
Week 2- We will be having a go at recording information on a pictogram and revisiting making number bonds to 10.
Week 3- We will be exploring 3d shapes and complex patterns.
Week 4 to 6- We will be going back and revisiting any gaps in the children's mathematic learning.

How can you help at home?

- Read every night with your child and ask them questions about what they have read
- Challenge your children to write a sentence at home using the above punctuation. These can go in their Wow Books.

How can you help at home?

- Look at your child's phonic mat each night before bed and challenge them to name a few sounds before their bed time story

How can you help at home?

- Challenge your child to tell you number bonds for making 5-10.
- Eg How do you make 6? 3+3 or 1+5, 2+2+2, 2+4, 4+2, 5+1- see how many different ways they remember

Understanding of the world	Personal, Social and Emotional	Expressive Arts and Design
We will be thinking about the seasons and features of Spring. We will be growing and experimenting with different ways to grow beans and what they need to grow. We will be learning about farms and their food and animals including babies, farmers and farm machinery from the past. We will be having a go at drawing maps linked to stories and learning to draw and paint flowers.	This half term our Jigsaw Topic is called Healthy Me. Each week we will focus on different aspects of our health. Week 1- Exercise Week 2- Moving and resting Week 3- Food Week 4- Sleep Week 5- Importance of hand washing Week 6- Stranger safety	We will be having a go at creating art collaboratively and sharing our ideas, resources and skills confidently. We will explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups. We will be safely using and exploring a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
Communication and Language	Physical Development	
We will be focusing on retelling stories, continuing to develop our listening skills and practicing using new topic vocabulary (see the above list.)	We will be practicing holding a pencil correctly and forming our letters neatly and small on the line. We will be practising our dancing skills, our balancing skills on the apparatus, our ball skills- throwing and catching and kicking.	

Reminders:

Homework is due in every Wednesday.

Outdoor Learning is on Tuesday afternoons.

PE is on Thursday.

Party afternoons this half term are on Friday 24th February and Friday 31st March 2023.

Please make sure your child's reading book and high frequency words are in their bag every day.

Please read with your child daily and write in their yellow reading record- We have yet to win the reading trophy!

Dates for your diary:

- Biking afternoon- Wednesday 8th March - The children can bring in their bike or scooter for a biking afternoon. Please ensure your child has a helmet for this activity.
- Sleep day – Wednesday 15th March – On this day we will be thinking about the importance of sleep. The children can come into school in their pyjamas and parents are invited to join us in the afternoon at 2.40pm for a Bedtime Story Session. Please bring a torch and a story you would like to read with your child.
- Honeybee visit to Capel le Ferne Farmers Market- Date TBA.
- Reports for all children on Friday 17th March 2023.
- Parents Evening on Tuesday 21st and 23rd March 2023.
- Class Assembly on Friday 16th June 2023 at 8.45am.
- Sports Day is on Wednesday 21st June 2023.

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