



## Spring Term 2 - Curriculum Newsletter

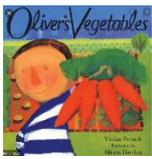
# Reception

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our topic this half term will be 'Let's Grow' in Reception, where we will be encouraging children to talk about the changes in the weather and environment looking for signs of spring

We will continue to develop our social skills, sharing with our friends, taking turns in conversation and asking for help when they need it. It is important for children to develop their independence so they will be encouraged to try to do things on their own, such as using a knife and fork, fastening coats and looking after their own belongings.

Our core texts for this half term are

				
Oliver's Vegetables	Tiny Seed	Stuck	Handa's Surprise	The enormous turnip

We will be listening regularly to these stories, learning to recall the events and join in repeated phrases. We will be developing an understanding of these stories by answering what, where and who questions and extending this by asking them how and why questions. We will support children to write simple book reviews about familiar stories to help them understand these books and talk about what they enjoyed and why. Children will also learn about non-fiction books relating to growth this half term.

The children will continue to follow the RWI Phonics scheme that we use throughout school to teach reading. Children will continue to learn 'special friend' sounds- sh, th, ch, qu, ng, nk. This will then help the children to 'Fred Talk' to sound out words, for example sh-o-p- shop. They will move on to read simple sentences. When children are ready, they will start taking home a book to read for themselves using 'Fred Talk'. Children will be encouraged to look at and read books for pleasure and enjoy sharing stories with their friends.

We will work daily on handwriting to form letters correctly. Children should now be able to recognise their own name and write it independently and attempt to write words and simple sentences.

In maths we will learn to count forwards and backwards to 10 and beyond. Children will be encouraged to make amounts up to 8 in different ways. We will learn to recognise an amount of

object up to 5 without counting them. We will be comparing equal and unequal groups of objects. We will also be combining two amounts to find the total. Children will be asked to measure objects by weight, capacity and length using different resources.

Children will be encouraged to develop their creativity using their own ideas, self-selecting resources, making choices about how to combine parts to create different effects and learning different ways of fixing materials together. They will be asked to evaluate their work and see how it can be improved.

We will continue to spend time learning outdoors so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Shoes should not have laces as these come undone easily. Earrings are not to be worn in Reception for health and safety reasons.

Please continue to read daily with your child. Children who are read to regularly become confident readers as they move through school. Storybooks will be changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. These books should be read by an adult to promote a love of reading. If your child reads at least 4 times a week, they will receive a prize from school. Your child will also have sounds/words to learn at home. If your child has a phonics book or ditty sheet, this will be changed every Friday.

We will continue to upload pictures of your child's learning on Tapestry. Please can you 'like' every post so we know you have read it. If you would like to share what your child is doing at home, please feel free to upload your own pictures.

If you have any further questions about your child's learning, please come and ask.

Kind regards

Mrs Shardha and Mrs Greenhalgh