



Reception Term 4 Parent Overview

Lifecycles and Spring

We hope you have had a good half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school. This term's topic will be based on 'Lifecycles and Spring'. Please can we ask for you all to send in a photo of your child as a baby either on Tapestry or put a photo in their bookbag. Thanks. We will also be having some caterpillars in class to observe the lifecycle of the butterfly.

General Information:

- We will be sending tricky word boxes and reading books home on a Friday and changing them on this day as well.
- PE days Wednesday & Thursday- children can come into school wearing PE Kit.
- Children can continue to bring in a golden time snack on a Friday, this could be a small bar of chocolate or a packet of crisps (no sweets).

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Mrs Turner, Mrs Williams, Mrs Harris , Mrs McDowall and Mrs Langley.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



As part of our Science and PSHE work, we will be thinking about how we stay healthy, including exercise, diet and hygiene. We will learn about teeth cleaning, sleep and medicine safety.

Our new value this term is thankfulness and we will be learning about this through stories and play in the classroom.

Now that we are all allowed to mix again in school, the Friendship Bench is being reintroduced to the playground. The idea of the Friendship Bench is that if a child is feeling lonely or sad, they can sit on the bench and this makes others aware that they would like a friend to ask them to play with them.

Communication and Language



During our phonics work this term we will be revisiting and practising all of the phase 3 sounds and tricky words the children were introduced to last term, and practising to read and write these sounds in words and sentences.

This term we will be learning the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. The children will be role playing the story with their friends. Towards the end of the term the children will be writing their own version of this story.

The children will continue to practise letter formation throughout the term by taking part in fine motor skills activities and handwriting sessions.

Literacy



Maths



We will start our maths work this term by learning about the numbers 9 & 10. We will be practising counting larger sets of objects and exploring the number bonds to make 9 and 10 (e.g. $1+9=10$, $2+8=10$ etc).

We will also learn about 3D shapes, pattern and time this term. The children will have lots of opportunities to explore these topics in their free play around the classroom.

The children will also continue to practise counting, ordering and forming the numbers 1-10 and beyond.

Understanding the World



In our religious education lessons we will be learning all about Easter. The children will tell the story of palm Sunday through role play. We will be creating an Easter garden as a class and will think about why Christians put a cross as a symbol in the Easter garden.

In Science we will start our topic by learning about Spring and we will go on a walk around the school to spot signs of Spring. We will then be learning about different lifecycles. These will include the lifecycle of a butterfly, frog, and babies.

Expressive Arts and Design



Art and design activities will be based on our topic of lifecycles; the children will be creating finger print butterflies along with special crafts for 'Mother's Day' which we will keep top secret!

The classroom and outdoor environment is always set up for the children to explore a range of creative activities including role-play, cutting and sticking and painting.

When learning the story 'The Enormous Turnip' we will be role-playing this story and will practise re-telling it using a story map.

Physical Development



In PE on a Thursday we will continue to practise finding a space and moving around the MUGA in a variety of different ways. We will also be learning new team games we can play as a class.

This term we will have a dance session on a Wednesday with Mrs Watson, a specialist dance teacher. She will be teaching the children different styles of dance over the term.

The outside and inside environment is set up to enable the children to develop their fine and gross motor skills through a range of activities. We will also be doing Dough Disco daily to help develop our fine motor strength.

