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Reception Newsletter **W/C 11th March 2024**

Dear Reception Families,

Book Day on Friday was a triumph! The children loved talking about their favourite books and sharing information about their book characters. The costumes were fantastic! Well done for all your efforts, it was a successful day of celebrating books and reading.

Handwriting

Please keep up the letter formation practice at home. We have included again the letter formation guide at the end of this newsletter. Please let us know if you need us to send home a printed copy. Forming letters accurately at this early stage supports children's fluency as developing writers and will contribute greatly to their success as writers as they travel through the school.

Learning

We continue with our topic of 'Growing and Changing'. Through this topic, we will be exploring life cycles of various animals and how to care for plants. To support this at home, families could point out the various flowers and plants growing on a walk or in the park, and discuss what is the same or different about them. In addition, perhaps children could have a go at planting their own seeds in pots or out in the garden. Supermarkets sell packets of seeds cheaply, Tesco currently have a 3 for 2 offer on.

Communication, Language & Literacy:

This week we will include the following in our learning:

- Read and share 'The Gigantic Turnip' story.
- Introduce key words related to the book: *turnip, crooked, speckled, harvested, overgrown, ripe*.
- Continue to practise sounding out CVC, CVCC and CCVC words when reading and writing.
- Writing captions and simple sentences phonetically.

Maths:

- This week we will be looking at teens numbers; recognising and writing numbers to 20. We have included a 0-20 number line to display at home; use it to practice counting forwards and backwards, pointing to a number for your child to read aloud and challenge them to say one more or one less. When saying the names of the teens numbers it is important for children to pronounce the 'n' clearly at the end (for example, *thirteen*) as this will prevent confusion later on when looking at tens numbers (*thirty*).

Other Areas of Learning:

- PSHE: Healthy Me – Sweet Dreams – We will be talking about the importance of sleep and sharing strategies children could try to help them fall asleep at night.
- Understanding the World: We will be learning about growing plants and what they need to keep healthy.
- Arts: Crafts linked to plants and growth



- P.E: This term our focus is manipulation and coordination. The children will be playing parachute games and developing their team-work skills.

Notices/Reminders:

-This week is our Scholastic Book Fair. This will be in the KS1 playground (or just inside the music studio door if it's raining) every day after school. There will be a wide selection of books for families to purchase by direct bank transfer.

- A reminder to please not block our neighbours drives when either dropping off or collecting your child from school.

-As always please come and ask if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help!

Kind regards,

Mrs Morley, Miss Glaves and Mrs Bright

