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Reception Newsletter **W/C 4th March 2024**

Dear Reception Families,

Last week was another busy week in Reception! We are so impressed with the progress the children are all making, particularly in their writing. Thank you for supporting us with this by practising phonics and tricky words at home!

Handwriting

To support the children's writing further, please find a letter formation guide at the end of this newsletter. 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

Our topic this half term is 'Growing and Changing'. Through this topic, we will be exploring life cycles of various animals and how to care for plants. As we transition to Spring, we hope to spend more of our focused learning time outdoors and will also spend some time at Forest School. As always, our learning is influenced by the children's interests and so planned activities may change from time to time.

Communication, Language & Literacy:

This week we will include the following in our learning:

- Read and share 'Errol's Garden' by Gillian Hibbs
- Introduce key words related to the book: *growing, roof, garden, luckily, excited*
- 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 learning how to make and find pairs of numbers that equal ten (number bonds)
- We will continue to develop our counting to and from 20

Other Areas of Learning:

- PSHE: Healthy Me – 'Food Glorious Food' - We will be learning about what makes a balanced diet.
- Understanding the World: We will be learning about Mother's Day and celebrating important people in our lives
- Arts: Crafts linked to plants and growth
- P.E: This term our focus will be on developing a wide range of ball skills – rolling, throwing, catching, kicking, dribbling, passing



Notices/Reminders:

- This Friday (8th March) is World Book Day. One parent or carer per child is invited to come into class and share a story together between 2.30-3.15. You will have received information regarding this in your child's bookbag. In addition, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.

Please do not hesitate to email or call the school if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Morley, Miss Glaves and Mrs Bright

