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Reception Newsletter **W/C 18th March 2024**

Dear Reception Families,

Last week the children enjoyed reading *The Gigantic Turnip* and learning about the teen numbers. We have been writing lots about the characters in the story and the settings in the story. The children also had the opportunity to touch and smell a real turnip and make a turnip soup.

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 'Oscar and the Frog' by Geoff Waring
- Introduce key words related to the book: *tadpole, pond weed, gills, lungs, pouch, perch and hatch*
- 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 measurement; recognising how to measure length and weight.
- We will learn how to measure using mathematical language e.g. longer, shorter, taller etc.
- We will learn how to measure using different objects
- Oral counting forwards and backwards up to 20, starting at different numbers.



Other Areas of Learning:

- PSHE: Healthy Me – Keeping Clean– We will be talking about washing hands thoroughly and understanding why this is important especially before eating and after going to the toilet.
- 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:

- We have noticed children bringing in small toys, teddies, jewellery, make-up and more to school daily. It is always wonderful to see things from home but it is causing lots of issues especially when items are lost. Unless you have the Chatterbox – a small box that encourages the children to select a few special things from home to talk about with the class, please do not send anything in. We have lots of educational resources in both classes. Any toys will now be confiscated until the end of the week. We thank you for your understanding in this.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Morley, Miss Glaves and Mrs Bright



