

## Half Termly Newsletter



**Year group:** Reception

**Teachers:** Reception Dawes—Mrs Lee and Miss Blay. Reception Peck—Miss Hodder and Mrs Jakeman. Mrs Khaliq and Mrs Ahmed work across both classes.

**Term:** Spring 2 **Topic:** I wonder how things grow and change?

### Reading at home

Children receive a new reading book to take home once a week. Please try to share the book with your child **3 times** a week if possible. Write in the yellow diary when you have read. Children who read at home make better progress!

### Phonics

We continue with our daily phonics lessons and are now learning Phase 3 sounds, starting with dge, ve, wh, cks, tch, nk, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar. Keep looking for letters and sounds at home and when you are out and about.

### Our topic—'I wonder how things grow and change?'

We are using the storybooks 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Oliver's Vegetables' to talk about life cycles and growing. Can you find out how caterpillars change into butterflies or how tadpoles become frogs. How does a seed grow into a flower or vegetable?

### Maths

We are using our knowledge of 5 to help us with other numbers eg 5 and 1 is 6, 5 and 2 is 7, 5 and 3 is 8 and so on. We will continue to talk about how 2 parts make a whole number and we will be investigating doubles as well.

### World Book Day

This year World Book Day is Thursday 2nd March and the whole school will be reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. On the 2nd March Reception Children will come dressed in a colour eg dazzling blue/golden yellow/bright red.

### Reminders

School opening hours **8.50 - 3.15** (gates open at 3.10)

PE days: Thursdays for all Reception children.

**Children should be bringing PE kits into school in bags so they can practise getting changed. Self-care is part of our Early Years curriculum.**

'Reading for Pleasure' books can be taken on Fridays and returned the following Thursday.

'Stay and Play' Thursday 2nd March at 9am. More details to follow.