

Reception Newsletter Summer 1

Welcome to the Summer 1 newsletter. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break.

Growing

Our topic for Summer 1 is Growing! The warmer weather and seasonal changes help us to see how life grows all around us. We will be encouraging the children to think about how much they've grown already, as well as how we can look after ourselves and stay healthy.

Key words

- Life cycle
- Ripe
- Blossom
- Grow
- Older
- Younger
- Soil

Books to read at home

- Tad
- The Hungry Caterpillar
- Oliver's fruit salad
- Bloom
- Jasper's Beanstalk

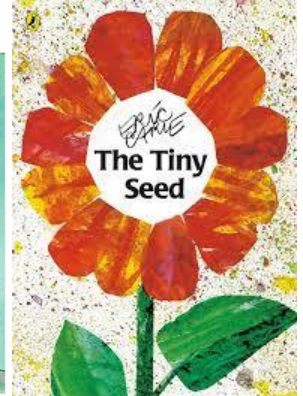
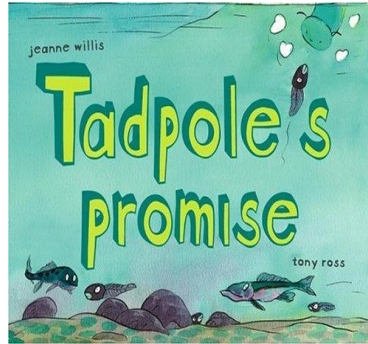
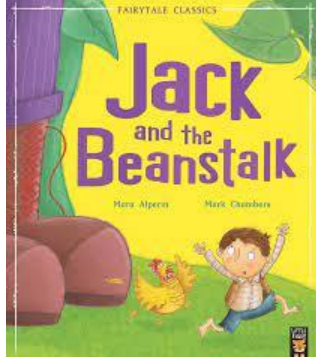
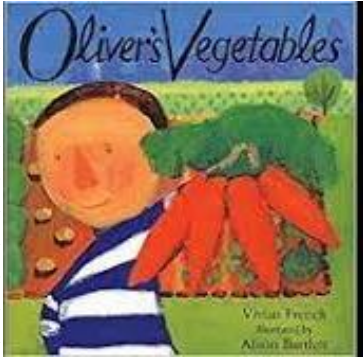
Ideas to try at home

- Can you grow a simple plant such as cress with you child? (Many plants can grow on window ledges and do not require a garden)
- Can you make a fruit salad with your child? (This could provide a fun opportunity to try new foods!)
- Can you draw a still life picture of a flower and then label it?



Literacy

In literacy we will be reading *Oliver's Vegetables*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Tiny Seed* and *Tadpole's Promise*. Our activities will include writing letters, designing posters and writing a fact file.



Maths

This half-term in Maths we will be exploring numbers up to 20, adding and subtracting, and identifying counting patterns for numbers beyond 10.

Here are some ideas to support your child at home:

- Practise counting forwards and backwards. What can you count up to? What can you count back from?
- Roll two dice and add the amounts together. What objects can you use to represent the dots on the dice?
- Explore subtraction through food! Can you count how many segments you have in a tangerine? What happens if you eat one, how many do you have left? What if you eat two or three?



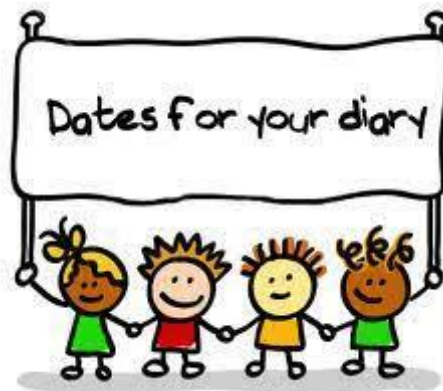
Phonics

Miss Peddle's phonics class will be practising phase 4 phonics. Phase 4 focuses on moving beyond 3 letter CVC words and onto blending consonants in longer words, e.g. "fr" in "frog" and "pt" in "kept". We do not teach these as new sounds and we encourage children to continue saying each sound individually (eg f-r-o-g).

Mr Mellett's and Miss Bull's will continue recapping phase 3 sounds.

Please do continue to ensure you are reading with your child daily. The home reading books support our phonics scheme and therefore it is vital that children read at home regularly to enable them to make as much progress as possible.

Finally, please ensure you are also practising the tricky words that have been sent home. If you require a new set please speak to your child's class teacher.



Tuesday 30th April Moonbeam's visit to Dulwich Pots and Plants

Wednesday 1st May Rainbow's visit to Dulwich Pots and Plants

Thursday 2nd May Sunshine's visit to Dulwich Pots and Plants

Please speak to your class teacher if you are able to volunteer for this local visit. We would like to be able to purchase a small class plant for the children to care for. Any small donations towards this cost would be much appreciated.