



Reception Class Newsletter Term 5

'Glorious Growing'



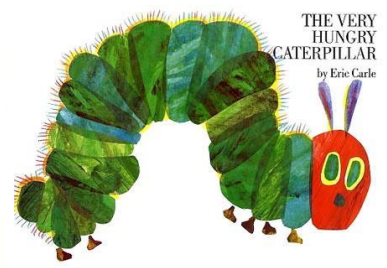
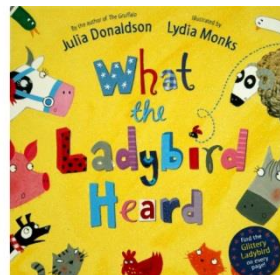
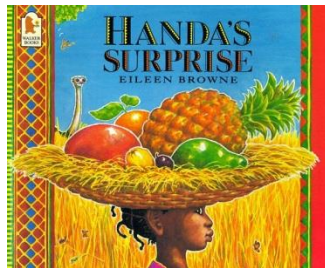
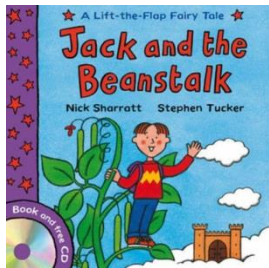
Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you have a relaxing Easter break and are now ready for the first Summer Term.

Our topic is 'Glorious Growing!'.

During this term we will be looking at how things grow with a detailed look at animals, seeds and then exploring exotic fruits and vegetables. We will be using interesting stories to immerse ourselves in learning and to develop our writing.

Our key texts this term are:



Areas of Learning

Literacy: Our focus in literacy this term is using our phonic knowledge to write stories using narrative language, adjectives, nouns and verbs. In reading, our phonics knowledge, high frequency and tricky words will develop further and we will be talking about the events in the books we read and predicating what will happen next.

Maths: In maths we are going to secure our knowledge of addition and subtraction with the support of objects and begin to estimate and count in 2's 5's and 10s. Alongside this we will be exploring shapes and measures around the school.

The main part of the topic will focus on growing, planting and the world around us. These will be explored through practical activities and forest school.

To develop our personal, social and emotional skills we are going to think about how we show feelings to each other, through exploring the feelings of Jack and the Giant from our focus text.

Understanding the World

Throughout the term we will be finding out about healthy foods and planting seeds to make observations and discoveries about growing.

Home Learning

We would like to thank you all for your effort with last terms home learning tasks including reading with your children.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly, even if it is a home or library book. At this stage it is really helpful to discuss the stories that you read and use story language such as, character, setting, beginning, middle and end. Could you think about the characters you like? Why do you like them?
Letters and Sounds	We have sent home High Frequency Word Lists for the children to focus on. They need to be able to read these on sight. Please focus on the 5 words with a dot next to them. When we read with your child, we will look at these words and send home the next ones so that they always have some to learn at home.

Delicious Home Challenges!

You might like to choose one of the following activities to try with an adult at home. You can bring these into school whenever they are finished to share with your class.

- Make a fruity snack and write the recipe for your friends, having a go at sounding out the words by yourself.
- Plant different seeds and take photos as you watch them grow.
- Design a healthy menu or packed lunch.
- When you visit the shops have a go at paying and working out what coins you need to use.
- Explore measuring of different objects in your house. Can you put them in size or height order and draw a picture? Could you write down the measurement?



Websites and Links

- www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games.
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 3, 4 and 5 games, blending sounds and words.
- www.mymaths.co.uk - Maths Games
- If you wish to make learning games to have fun at home, you can print from www.twinkl.co.uk and browse the EYFS Reception section.



Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and their book bag each day.
- Our PE days are Monday & Friday but PE kits should be in all week.
- Sunhats are essential in the warmer weather when we are outside for longer periods of time. We are not permitted to apply sun cream to any child, so children must have it applied before they come to school.
- Our Forest School day is a Tuesday, please ensure your child has a change of clothes for forest school and suitable footwear for being in the woods.

We hope you all have a lovely fifth term supporting the children in their learning. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if necessary.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Winchester



To help your child win 5 extra house points, find out which are the smallest and largest seeds in the world and bring the answers in to school! Good luck!



Reminder:

Please return all slips and money for the trip to Plumpton College Farm as soon as possible.