



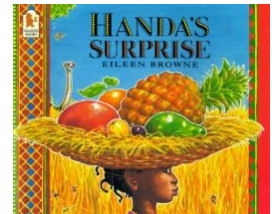
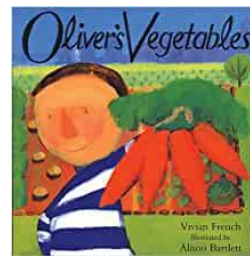
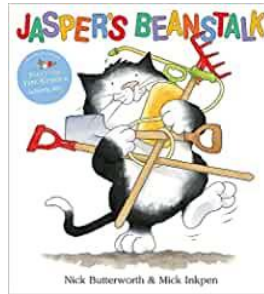
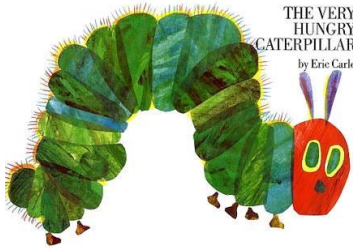
Newsletter Term 5 - How does it grow?



Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the support this term, we hope you have a lovely Easter Holiday. Our topic for Term 5 is How does it grow?

Our key texts this term are:



Areas of Learning

Literacy - We will be continuing to focus on using high frequency words in our writing as well as spelling words with more than one syllable in a phonetically plausible way. We will be writing our own stories based on the texts we are reading, as well as looking closely at the characters, settings and events of the stories we are sharing. We will be exploring other genres of writing such as postcards and fact files.

Maths - In Maths, we will be solving problems that apply all of the skills we have learnt so far. As well as this, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of number, addition, subtraction, number bonds, practising doubling and halving as well as noticing patterns in our number system. We will use our topic to explore measurement of length, height and capacity and to introduce pictograms and other simple mathematical graphs and charts.

Understanding the World

The children will be making lots of observations and predictions about things that grow. We will be sunflowers and lots of vegetables as well as some potatoes that have been donated by the Chiddingly Horticultural Society for us to enter in their show on the **24th June**. By doing this we will be finding out about what plants need to grow and thrive. Towards the end of the term, we are going to host some caterpillars so that we can hopefully observe their lifecycle.

Home Learning - Some things you can do at home to support your children.

Reading	We will be reviewing and embedding phases 2 and 3 and beginning work on phase 4 phonics. We will be learning to blend and read words containing two adjacent consonants and we will be learning to segment and spell these words. We will also be embedding our quick recognition of a range of tricky words. Please insure you are reading at least 3 times a week with your children this is a key part to them mastering their skills.
Writing	The children will be continuing to practise their letter formation. Please help your child to form letters correctly, as they write. Please encourage your child to write in every possible context - shopping lists, cards to grandparents etc. It is important that they are encouraged to write in a phonetically plausible way as this will enable them to be independent when writing.

Maths

The most important thing for children in their reception year is that they can read, write, order and recognise numbers to 10. Please encourage the children to count their toys when playing and try to write and use numbers when appropriate at home. We will also be looking out for the numbers and symbols that help us know what a number is without counting - this is called subitising! We will continue to learn our teen numbers and to embed our understanding of number patterns and bonds.

Key questions to ask your child at home:

What does a plant need to grow? What do you grow at home?
What is your favourite thing to do outside? What job would you like to do outside?

Key vocabulary

Plants, growing, Spring, soil, water, leaves, roots, grow, forest, woods, animals, life cycles, weather, sun, rain, earth, mud.

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named **water bottle each day**. Water bottles need to be filled with **water only**. The children are provided with a free fruit snack at school.
- They need to bring in their **book bag and reading pack each day**. Please ensure you are reading at least **3 times a week** with your children this is a key part to them embedding their skills. Please acknowledge these reads by writing in your child's reading record so we can use this on a Friday when we look through the reading records.
- Can the children please always have a coat in school especially for wet and rainy days- we still play outside!
- Hopefully the weather will be getting warmer so please ensure that your child has a hat if the sun is shining brightly. We cannot apply sun lotion so please do ensure that this is done before they arrive at school.
- Our PE day is Tuesday. Please ensure PE kits are in school for the rest of the week.



We hope you all enjoy sharing this learning journey with your children. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Boswell and Ms Eldridge