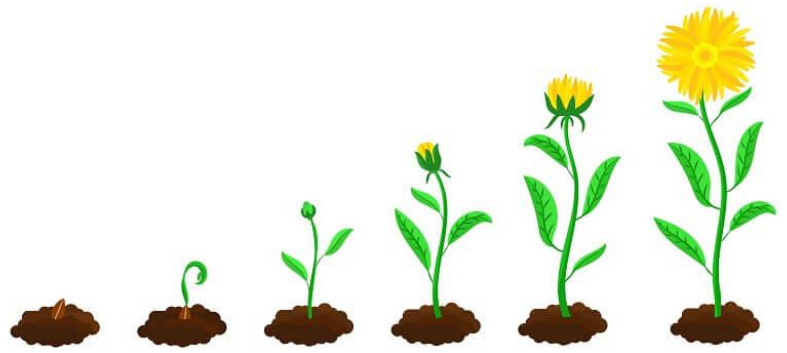


Newsletter Term 5

How does it Grow?



Dear Parents

We hope you have a great Easter holiday and the children have a well deserved rest. Our topic for Term 4 is 'How does it grow?'.

Our key texts for the 1st Summer 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. 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 growth diaries 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, by exploring numbers up to 20. We will be securing our knowledge of numbers to 10 using addition, subtraction, number bonds, doubling and halving as well as noticing patterns in our number system. We will use our topic to further explore 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 growing beans, potatoes and sunflowers and finding out about what plants need to grow and thrive. Towards the end of the term, we are hoping to host some caterpillars so that we can closely observe their lifecycle.

Home Learning

Reading	We will be reviewing and embedding Phases 2 and 3 and beginning work on Phase 4 phonics. Phase 4 aims to ensure that all children can give the sound when shown any of the Phase 2 and 3 graphemes. 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.
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 family 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, 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!

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 and their book bags each day.
- Can the children please always have a coat in school especially for wet and rainy days.
- As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your child has a hat. We cannot apply sun lotion so please do ensure that this is done before they arrive at school.
- Our PE day is Wednesday. Please ensure PE kits are in school for the rest of the week.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Taylor and Miss Waterman