

# How does it Grow?

## Term 5 Newsletter



Dear Oak Families,

We hope you have a great Easter holiday and the children get some well deserved rest! Our topic for Term 5 is 'How does it grow?'. We will be planting various flowers and vegetables, observing as they grow through their life cycles – we will also be growing caterpillars and seeing how these change over time. Alongside this, we will be reviewing our Phase 2 & 3 phonics knowledge, whilst moving on to Phase 4. Please see the attached Little Wandle information sheet for more details. Our number knowledge will also progress into numbers beyond 10, looking at doubling, halving, adding, and subtracting to 20! We will be enjoying lots of learning and play outside, making the most of the drier days (hopefully!).

Some of the key texts that will support our learning for this topic are:



### Supporting at Home

<b>Reading</b>	<p>We will be beginning 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.</p> <p>We will also be learning to blend and read words containing <b>consonants clusters</b> and we will be learning to segment and spell these words – I will refer to these as 'sticky letters' as their sounds stick together (such as 'st' in stop and 'spr' in spring). We will also be embedding our quick recognition of a range of new tricky words.</p> <p>I have also attached some sentences which we read in phonics sessions last term – reading these with your child can be very helpful as it will recap their Spring learning. Please follow this link for more information: <a href="https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/">https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</a></p>
<b>Writing</b>	<p>The children will be continuing to practise their letter formation. Please encourage your child to write at home, as well as involve them in activities to improve their fine</p>

	<p>motor skills such as dough discos (YouTube), Squiggle while you Wiggle (YouTube), crafting, drawing, using zips and buttons and using cutlery. Here are some links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ND8pdi-26Hc&amp;list=PLdeJgfbvg3UbJ08ES3S989OGR1Mn4QZAU&amp;index=3">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ND8pdi-26Hc&amp;list=PLdeJgfbvg3UbJ08ES3S989OGR1Mn4QZAU&amp;index=3</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MU3CyVaZW6s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MU3CyVaZW6s</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lf2f2PIJknQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lf2f2PIJknQ</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@artforkidshub">https://www.youtube.com/@artforkidshub</a></li> </ul>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>Please encourage the children to count, write and use numbers when appropriate at home. A large focus in EYFS maths is the recall of numberbonds to 10, please practice these at home with your child.</p>



### Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **named water bottle** and their **book bags** each day.
- 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.
- Waterproofs will also be needed as we enjoy gardening as well as different outdoor learning sessions.
- Our PE days are Wednesday. Please ensure PE kits are in school at all times – we will send home for a wash if needed!

Thank you for your support,

Miss Taylor, Miss Waterman & Miss Eldridge