



Newsletter Term 4

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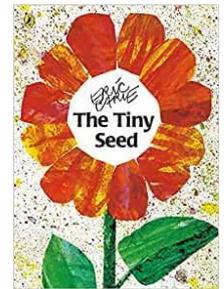
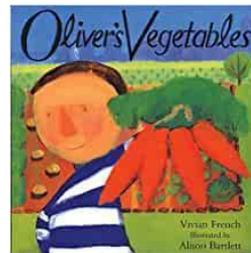
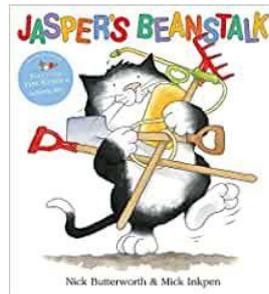
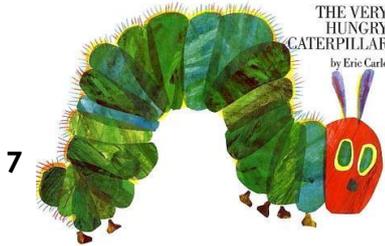
How does it Grow? The Great Outdoors



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a great Half Term. Our topic for Term 4 is 'How does it grow? The Great Outdoors'

Our key texts this term are:



Areas of Learning

Literacy: Our focus in literacy this term is using our phonics knowledge to write for different purposes. 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 predicting what will happen next.

Maths: In maths we are going to secure our knowledge of addition and subtraction with the support of objects. We will be using insects to help us learn more about doubles and halves. We are going to be exploring 3D shapes through junk modelling and linking this to our music sessions. In addition to this we will be beginning to estimate and be counting out amounts. We will be thinking lots about number bonds for numbers 0-10.

Understanding the World

The children will also be making lots of observations and predictions about things that grow. We will be encouraging walks outside to look at natural habitats and different cultures and different places in the world. We will be thinking about how animals grow and change and how the world changes around us.

Home Learning

A few reminders for the new term.

Reading	Please continue to read with your child. We will change their book at the beginning of every week.
Writing	The children will be practising their letter formation. Please also help them to try to be independent and secure with their name writing.

Maths	<p>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!</p> <p>We will be exploring teen numbers within games and counting.</p>
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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, , earths, mud.

Useful Websites

www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 3 and 4 games, blending sounds and words.

If you wish to make games to have fun at home with learning, you can print from:

www.twinkl.co.uk and search plants, outside, growing, to find games and activities to learn vocabulary and facts linked to the topic.

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named water bottle and their book bags each day. This should be filled with water only. The children are provided with a free fruit snack at school.
- Can the children please always have a coat in school especially for wet and rainy days- we still play outside!
- Our PE day is Monday. Please ensure your child wears their kit to school. We also have swimming lessons this term. Swimming is on a Friday. Please ensure your child brings appropriate swimwear in a named bag on that day.



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

Thank you for your support,

EYFS Team.