

Reception Newsletter

April - May 2025

Into the garden



Welcome back to Reception for our final term! We will start this half-term by learning about the traditional tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will learn about the structure of a traditional tale. The children will then conduct an experiment to find what seeds need to grow before planting their sunflower seeds. We will then do a week of 'People Who Help Us', and a children's paediatric nurse will be visiting the school to talk with the children about basic first aid and the importance of washing their hands and keeping safe. For the final three weeks, our teaching will focus on minibests and things that might grow in the garden. This will lead us on to healthy and unhealthy food. We will complete this topic by making our own vegetable soup.

This half term we are learning:

- To begin exploring teen numbers.
- To deepen our understanding of 2D and 3D shapes.
- The structure of a traditional tale.
- What a nurse does and how they can help us.
- What plants and root vegetables need to grow.
- The life cycle of a frog and compare this to the life cycle of a hen that was previously learnt.
- The difference between healthy and unhealthy foods and the effects that these can have on our bodies.
- To be able to write instructively using language such as first, then, after.
- Who Claude Monet is and all about his beautiful garden.

The children will:

- Practise speaking to unfamiliar adults to promote oracy
- Be able to talk about pictures of familiar situations which are in the past (key focus on police officers)
- Go on a minibest hunt and then classify the insects they have found by looking closely at their features.
- Conduct a comparative test by testing out what plants need to grow.
- Plant their own sunflower seeds and give them the correct things to help them grow.
- Write instructions on how to make a vegetable soup and then make it by following their own instructions.

How to help your child at home:

- Practise reading all set 1/2 letter sounds and using the letter rhyme to help your child to write their letters correctly
- Encourage your child to zip their coat up independently
- Listen to them read at home as much as possible
- Practise reading and writing the red words learnt in phonics
- Encourage your child to practise ordering and recognising numbers to 15
- Encourage your child to write simple sentences using their Fred fingers to sound out the words
- Talk to your child about the environment they live in and how it is different from other places in the world

Things to remember:

Children in Reception will have a weekly outdoor learning session. Please bring in a pair of wellies with their name in. We do have a few spare if needed. Outdoor learning will still be conducted on Thursdays for both classes.

There will be a parental involvement to make soup with your children on:

Tuesday 13th of May for RPC

Thursday 15th of May for RAH

Thank you for all your support!

For more details, please see our website.

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