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Reception Newsletter **W/C 19th February 2024**

Dear Reception Families,

We hope you all had a restful half term break! We look forward to welcoming the children back to school this week and introducing our new theme, 'Growing and Changing'.

Reading

This term our focus is on beginning to build fluency in reading through recapping all of the sounds we have learned so far. Please find a sound mat with all of our learned sounds at the end of this newsletter.

New reading books will come home on Friday. Until then, continue to share bedtime stories, play listening games and look out for sounds in the environment.

Learning

This term our overarching theme is 'Growing and Changing'. Through this topic, we will be exploring life cycles of various animals and how to care for plants. As we transition to Spring, we hope to spend more of our focused learning time outdoors and will also spend some time at Forest School. As always, our learning is influenced by the children's interests and so planned activities may change from time to time.

Communication, Language & Literacy:

This week we will include the following in our learning:

- Read and share 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'
- Continuing to practise sounding out CVC, CVCC and CCVC words when reading and writing.

Maths:

- This week we will recap counting to and from 20, starting from different numbers and identifying one more and one less
- Maths meetings – The children will compare numbers using the key terminology 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'equal to'.

Other Areas of Learning:

- PSHE: We will begin our new Jigsaw PSHE unit 'Healthy Me'. This week will focus on why exercise is important.
- Understanding the World: We will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly
- Arts: Printing butterflies,
- P.E: This term our focus will be on developing a wide range of ball skills – rolling, throwing, catching, kicking, dribbling, passing



Notices/Reminders:

- We look forward to seeing you at our parent progress meetings this week. They will take place in your child's classroom on **Tuesday 20th February** and **Wednesday 21st February**. Please enter via the main school entrance and wait in the Reception cloakroom area until your time slot. To make an appointment, please logon to Scopay to book your slot.

- As the weather (hopefully!) starts to warm up over the next half term, please do check again that each item of your child's uniform is labelled clearly as jumpers and cardigans are taken on and off more frequently. At this point in the year we are really trying to promote independence and encourage the children to take care and responsibility for their belongings. It is much easier to reunite lost clothing items with children when they are named!

Please do not hesitate to email or call the school if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Morley, Miss Glaves and Mrs Bright