

Spring 2 2024

Reception



TERM FOCUS

Our topic for this half term is 'Growing and changing.'

In this topic the children will learn about how to care for plants to help them grow and the different parts of a plant. The children will learn about the lifecycle of a plant, caterpillar, frog and other animals. The children will be given the opportunities to plant seeds. They will carry out a science investigation to see how a plant/bean grows best. Key vocabulary will be used to support children's language development through planting seeds and observing them daily. We will also have a butterfly incubator and wormery in Reception where children can observe and write about the changes they will see daily. Our PSHE theme this term is 'Healthy Me'. We will focus on human growth, with links to healthy eating and healthy practices. In P.E we will be developing our ball skills.

READING

This term during our phonics lessons we will recap phase 2 and 3 sounds and start phase 4. We will learn how to read more complex words (moving on from CVC to CCVC/CVCC), read tricky words by sight and use expression when reading. We will practise how to read words and sentences fluently and challenge ourselves to read longer sentences. We will explore a range of books based on our overarching topic of Growing and Changing. During 'free learning' time, the children will have opportunities to apply their phonics skills through a range of carefully planned reading games and activities.



WRITING

This half term we will learn how to label plants and draw animal and plant life cycles. We will introducing writing for a purpose, writing instructions about how to plant a seed and recipes for healthy snacks. We will practise writing sentences using our phonic knowledge and using sound mats to support. We will also try to write tricky words in our writing. We will have a growing area in our outdoor learning environment, where the children will have opportunities to write about the growing plants. The children will also visit the forest school and write about the living things in the area. Writing materials will be accessible at all times during 'free learning' and children will be encouraged to integrate mark making into their play.



MATHS

This half term we will continue to consolidate our counting skills, by counting forwards and backwards to 20, starting at different numbers and identifying one more and one less. We will explore different ways to make numbers up to 10 (number bonds) and work on recognising teen numbers and accurately counting larger quantities of objects. We will be focusing on measuring length, height, volume and capacity and will learn how we can use different tools to measure. The children will continue to have maths meetings daily to discuss the days of the week, months, date, order numbers and use their subitising skills.



HOME LEARNING

Saxon Maths Website link

<https://saxonmaths.weebly.com/reception.html>

Phonics Games

www.phonicsplay.co.uk (Buried treasure, Picnic on Pluto and Dragons den)

www.phonicsbloom.com (Fishy phonics, Flash cards and Odd and Bob)

