

# Reception Newsletter

## Term 5 and 6 2018



Dear Parents

We hope that you and your children had a lovely Spring break and are looking forward to the busy term ahead. We are looking forward to seeing you at our St George's Day parade on Monday. This term we welcome our student teachers Miss Fisher who will be based with RDL and Miss Goodman who will be based with RJP.

Our topic for this term is 'Things that grow and change.' This means that we will be growing a range of plants and looking at a variety of animals. The children will be planting a variety of seeds and will look at them closely using the visualiser.

The children will be looking at stories relating to Growth and Change such as 'Jim and the Beanstalk,' and 'The Enormous Turnip.' The children will be writing their own stories based on this theme and it would be helpful if you and your child could make up stories verbally to support them with their understanding of story structure and language.

We will be watching beanstalks grow, caterpillars change into butterflies and observe our eggs hatching into some chicks!

We are going to develop the children's questioning skills to extend their thinking and if you and your family would like to send in questions related to our topic, we will look forward to investigating them further.

We have been looking closely at sequencing of number from 0-20 and back again. Please could you practise counting down from any number to 20 whenever you have the opportunity to support this learning. It would also be extremely helpful if

children have had the opportunity to identify numbers in the environment.

Could we please say thank you to all of you for supporting the children with their school/home link book 'Leo's Learning book' as we really enjoy looking through and sharing what the children have done at home. It is lovely to see the use of photographs, pictures and artefacts which all contribute to giving the books a very special feel. Please remember that you may use this book to record home learning tasks if you wish.

Please remember that we are always available for you to come and talk to if you ever have any concerns or comments about your child. Do not hesitate to chat to us in the playground, or arrange an appointment at the school office for a longer session.

As the weather is warming up, it is important that the children are suitably equipped with water bottles and sun hats if they have them. It is advisable to apply your children with sunscreen before they come to school, should the weather look particularly sunny.

This term we have a tennis coach in to support our ball and racquet skills on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has plimsolls or trainers for PE sessions.

We look forward to the term ahead,

Reception Team