

# Reception Newsletter



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Dear Parents

We hope that you and your children had a lovely Spring break and are looking forward to the busy term ahead. Thank you for supporting us at our St George's Day parade.

We have had great fun following your children's interests and promoting independence in their learning journey which has meant the children determine the focus of our planning and teaching. You may have heard about some fairies that moved into school, searching for dinosaur bones, or, more recently, the dragons that have hatched out of some eggs...! Each day is different and brings a new interest and chance to explore the children's worlds.

However, this term lends itself well to exploring things that grow and change. As a result, we will be offering the children special opportunities to grow a range of plants and look at a variety of animals. 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 encouraged to retell and write 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. If any other genre of text lends itself, e.g. instructions for growing a seed, information about animals, please feel free to share these too.

We will be watching beanstalks grow, caterpillars change into butterflies and

observe our eggs hatching into some chicks!

We have been looking closely at recognition and sequencing of number from 0-20 and back again, particularly focusing on the 'teen' numbers. Please could you practise counting up and down from any number to 20 whenever you have the opportunity to support this learning. It would also be extremely helpful if children also have the opportunity to identify numbers in the environment.

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 developing ball and racquet skills on a Thursday morning. This session will be held outside, therefore please ensure that your child has plimsolls or trainers for PE sessions.

We look forward to the term ahead,

Reception Team