



Newsletter

Spring Term 2024

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Welcome to Reception's newsletter. We are pleased to share our learning with you for this term and encourage you to support us by discussing our learning at home.

Our topic in the Reception class will be, **Nature Rocks**. For this topic we will be looking at **The Gruffalo** and **Growing**. Within these topics we will cover the following areas as part of the Foundation Stage curriculum.

Maths

In Maths we will learn to:

- Say and use number names in order in familiar contexts.
- Count reliably up to 10 everyday objects and beyond.
- Add some small numbers together.
- Recognise, read, write, and order numbers to 10.
- Know that numbers identify how many are in a set.
- Understand that numbers are made up of other smaller numbers.
- Compare size, mass and capacity.
- Explore shapes and measurements

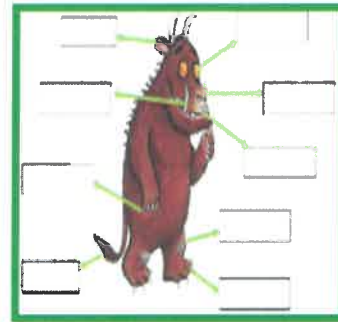


Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our communication and language this term. We will further extend our vocabulary and use more complex sentences. We will be using talk to connect different ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next. We will also practice recalling and reliving past experiences. All of this will support our writing activities.

Literacy

We will continue to use 'Read Write Inc' to help us develop our literacy skills. We will continue to work on letter recognition, recall and formation and start to sound out more challenging words to begin to write them independently and start to form sentences. We will also have lots of writing opportunities relating to our topics, including list making, labelling and recounting.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be looking at how we grow and change and how healthy eating supports this growth. We will also look at how we control and regulate our emotions, spending time in the 'Feelings Corner' talking about our emotions.

Physical development

We will be looking at activities that build strength and coordination. We will also work on throwing and catching skills and learn more sports games.

Religious Education

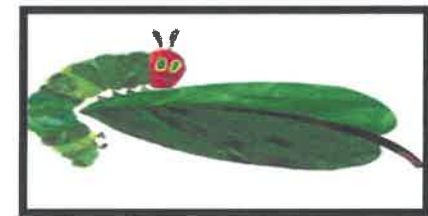
In RE this term, we will be focusing on fairness and justice. Fairness and justice are real problems in practical terms, and religions and worldviews not only teach about this but encourage religious believers to act justly and fairly.

We will look at the story of **King Solomon** and **The Unforgiving Servant**. We will also learn about the meaning of Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) and the Easter Story.



Understanding the World

During our Growing topic we will watch as a humble caterpillar blossoms into a beautiful butterfly. Alongside this real life experience we will be looking at **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** story.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will complete some life drawings of our butterflies as part of the many opportunities for children to explore their creativity. They will learn to use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.