



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 17th March 2025

Our topic this half term is Growing. This week we will be focusing on growing plants and noticing what happens now that we have planted our beans. Our caterpillars continue to grow and change. Ask your child what they have noticed since they arrived.

We are starting our work on Handa's Surprise and will be spending our week setting up a story tray and learning the story with some role play and actions.

In RE we continue with our Lent topic by listening to the parable of the talents and applying this to our learning about Jesus in the wilderness.

You are invited to join our Lent stay and Pray for Nursery and Reception on Thursday **this** week at 2:45 in the hall.

Focus words this week: Talent, Surprise, roots, stem, leaves

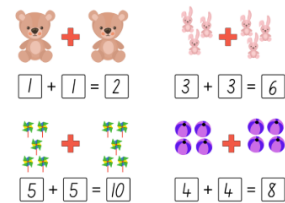
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Handa's Surprise



Maths Focus: Number



Children will be developing their understanding of doubles.

Practise these number sentence stems with your child:

____ is made of ____ and ____
____ and ____ makes ____



Rhyme of the Week:

Spring Wind

*When the spring wind blows,
In her gruff and growly way,
She's saying keep your mittens on,
I'm blowing cold today.*

*But when the spring wind blows,
In her soft and gentle way,
She's saying take your jumpers off,
I'm blowing warm today.*

Story Time

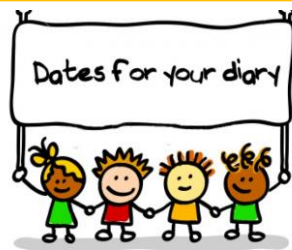
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

1000 story books will be changed on Mondays this half term.



This week the children will:

- Think about all of the things that grow around us.
- Noticing the changes and growth already happening around us in our Garden
- Enjoy naming and looking at the plants we can see outside.
- Play in our new Garden centre.
- Finding out the names of some plants and trees
- Planting flowers in our outdoor area
- Dig box outside with tools for digging
- Practising our doubles
- Exploring composition of numbers
- Learn to retell the story 'Handa's Surprise'
- Sand writing for formation practise
- Daily writing challenges introduced in place of name writing.
- Each day we will practise reading and writing during phonics lessons.



Wednesday 19th March – St Joseph's Feast Day! Drama Workshops, crafts & treats

Thursday 20th March - Lent Stay and Pray Nursery and Reception parents are invited to come in for 2:45 to join us in the hall for a craft activity and prayerful session.