



Reception Weekly Focus
Beginning: 24th March 2025

Week

Our topic this half term is Growing. This week we will be continuing our work on growing plants and noticing what happens with our class beans. We will also be planting flowers and some cress to see what conditions we need. Our caterpillars continue to grow and change. Ask your child what they have noticed since they arrived.

We are continuing our work on Handa's Surprise but we are also now writing using a new approach called drawing club. Drawing club uses a different text each week to teach children vocabulary and to stretch their imagination. They will be encouraged to come along to the club as part of their Literacy work, creating pictures, writing sentences as 'codes' and sharing their wonderful ideas.

In RE we begin our final week of our Lent topic by thinking about how we can be like Jesus during Lent and how we can take our ideas out into the world.

Focus words this week: Measure, Ruler, Centimetre, Transform Germinate

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: Odd and Even



Watch this episode with your child.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08r2l4d/numberblocks-series-2-odds-and-evens>



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

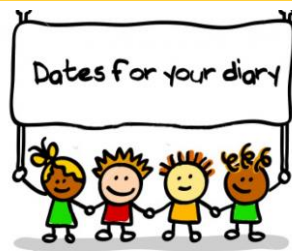
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

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 Garden centre.
- Finding out the names of some plants and trees
- Cress experiment
- Planting flowers in our outdoor area
- Dig box outside with tools for digging
- Practising our doubles
- Exploring composition of numbers including doubles
- Sorting numbers and objects in different ways
- Odd and even work
- Learn to retell the story 'Handa's Surprise'
- Writing about our farm experience, as well as other writing opportunities
- Daily writing challenges introduced in place of name writing.
- Each day we will practise reading and writing during phonics lessons.



Friday 28th March CAFOD Big Lent Walk

Tuesday 8th April Whole School Lent Mass in school at 2.30pm. Families welcome

Thursday 10th April Parents Evening Appointments 2pm - 6pm. An opportunity to discuss your child's progress and view their books. Please book through the online link or contact the school office.

Friday 11th April -Easter Culture Day - children to come dressed in cultural dress or own clothes. Let's celebrate our diverse community! -Key Stage One Easter Bonnet Parade at 9.15am - Parents welcome -Key Stage Two Egg Diorama Competition judging. -Stations of the Cross led by Year 4 in the school hall for KS2 pupils and Year 4 parents / carers at 2.45pm. BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS!

Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April School Closed for Easter Holidays
Monday 28th April School re-opens for the Summer Term.