



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 31st March 2025

Our topic this half term is Growing. This week we will be continuing to notice and understand the process of growing by looking carefully at our class beans, cress and flowers. We will be reading stories and information books linked to growing. Our caterpillars are also now ready to start their transformation as they begin to make their chrysalis.

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 new topic of Holy Week by learning about the events that led to and include Good Friday. We will do this through role play and by listening to stories.

Focus words this week: Holy Week, Crucifix, Resurrection, repeating

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: Pattern



Make a pattern using socks, cars, dolls or any other items you can find in your house!

This could be a simple pattern (red, blue, red blue) or a more complex pattern (red red blue red red blue or car car car lorry car car car lorry)



Rhyme of the Week:

Creepy Crawlies

Creepy crawly up my arm, A spotty little bug.
Then it crawled up to my neck, I gave a little shrug.

Then it climbed a little more, And settled on my nose.

So I gave a mighty snore, And it scuttled to my toes.

Story Time

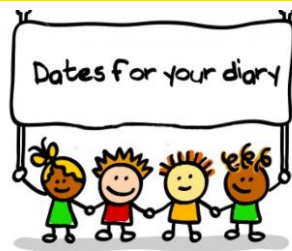
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

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 to continue
- Planting flowers in our outdoor area
- Dig box outside with tools for digging
- Height, and length in maths using lots of practical resources
- Learn to retell the story Little Red Hen in Drawing Club.
- Writing about our new story
- Daily writing challenges introduced in place of name writing.
- Each day we will practise reading and writing during phonics lessons.



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.