



# Reception Newsletter

## Summer Term 24



### Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter.  
Can you believe your child is in their last term of Reception!

We carefully plan a transition programme to support our children moving into Year 1. This will include;

- Some whole class teaching,
- Playtime with Key Stage 1 (w/c 03.06.24)
- Story times in the Year 1 classrooms.
- A transition morning where they will spend time in their new classroom with their new class teacher
- Taking part in Golden Book assembly

We are going to be introducing new elements slowly this term- if you have any worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

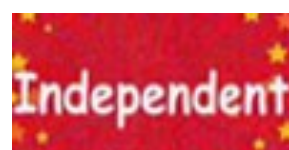
### Golden Book Assembly

This is where children are praised for their achievements. Parents will be invited to join us at 3pm in the school hall. If your child is chosen you will be invited to join us for the assembly and see them receive their reward.



### Labelling

We teach children to become independent and look after their belongings so it is important that all belongings are clearly labelled, including all uniform, shoes, coats and P.E kits.



# What we are learning this summer term in Reception

## Investigation Stations

Observing the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a butterfly

Categorising and describing mini beasts

Exploring the life cycles of insects and plants

Identifying what plants need to grow

Materials and their properties; what can be recycled?



## Wow words

Habitat, environment, territory

Rot, decay, mould, grow, change, decompose, biodegradable, pollution, recycle

Arthropod, arachnid, mini beast, abdomen, Larvae, pupa, chrysalis, life cycle,

Bulb, carpel, petal, germination, nectar, pollen, seed, stamen, tree, flower, fruit



This half term we are learning all about living and growing. The children will be exploring the world around them including mini beasts, plants and how to look after our planet.

We will be exploring life cycles and classifying living things. The children will create observational drawings of plants and mini beasts. They will be looking at the different life cycles and how things change over time. The children will also be exploring what can be recycled and how it can help our planet.

## Living and Growing

Dates: 8<sup>th</sup> April - 24<sup>th</sup> May



### I can...

- Name and group mini beasts
- Talk about different habitats
- Use vocabulary to describe mini-beasts
- Use vocabulary to describe how plants grow
- Recognise and name the parts of a plant
- Observe how fruit changes over time and talk about it.
- Talk about different seasons and how they change.
- Talk about why recycling is important and how we can help
- Talk about what living things need to live and grow.
- Talk about different habitats
- Tell you why we recycle and what I can recycle.

## Questions to Ask



Where can we find mini beasts?  
Why do you think we find mini-beasts there?  
How do they change as they grow? What is the same? What is different?

What do plants need to grow?  
Can you name the parts of a plant?  
Why do plants need sunlight?

Why do we need to recycle?  
What materials can be recycled?  
How do we recycle?



## Stories and songs

What the Ladybird Heard  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
The Tiny Seed  
The Enormous Turnip  
Scarlett Bean  
Jack and the Beanstalk

There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf  
There's a Worm at the bottom of my garden

The Great Paper Caper  
Topsy and Tim go Green



**Don't forget to complete the home challenges. We love to see and hear about the learning you do at home!**

## Important Dates

### Monday 22nd April –Writing workshop.

You should have received a school life regarding this. Please don't forget to confirm your attendance.

### Wednesday 22nd May–Recycling day

### Friday 24th May –Children break-up for half term

### Monday 3rd June–Children return to school

### Monday 17th June–Loved Ones Lunch (Reception D–Mrs Downton)

### Tuesday 18th June–Loved Ones Lunch (Reception B–Mrs Bishop)

### Thursday 27th June– Sports day -More details will follow.

## Recycling Day–Wednesday 22nd May

Children are invited to come into school in a garment of clothing using recycled materials. (To replace one item of their school uniform) This can include one garment of clothing recycled/reused from somebody else.

Some ideas for you .....

- Hair bows made out of crisp packets
- A hat/crown made out of cereal boxes
- A waistcoat made out of newspaper/cardboard box
- A t-shirt made out of old t-shirts

You can be as creative as you like!