

## World Book Day

This year our local library in Catshill has invited the children in Reception to take part in a story activity on World Book Day.

Each class will visit the library and explore the story 'Aliens Love Underpants'.



## Home Learning

Children are enjoying sharing their home learning at school and it is great to see a variety of activities happening at home.

We have had penguin facts and information, igloos made out of lego, cotton buds and boxes, number work and writing.

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[homelearning@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

## Share, Learn and Play

Please join us each  
**Wednesday, 3:00pm - 3:20pm**

This term we will be focusing on maths skills – counting, number recognition and shapes.



## Reading at Home

It is vital your child reads with you at home as it support their storytelling, phonics and writing.

Children can change their 'bedtime' book at school regularly and their reading book will be changed weekly. Please ensure you share these books at home.



## Can you help?



As part of our growing topic we will be gardening.

If you have any **compost, seeds, plastic growing pots or other garden items** you would like to donate please speak to a member of the Reception team.

## Early Years Assembly



We are all proud of the children for their confidence and speaking in our assembly for parents.

The children have enjoyed our 'Winter Wonderland' topic and it has been wonderful sharing all their hard work and learning with you.



## Reminders



**P.E.** is on **Fridays** and 'Busy Feet' is on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

Children need a t-shirt and shorts for this. Please ensure all clothes and P.E. bag are named. P.E. kits will be sent home each half term for washing.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will explore the Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo who creates fruit collages of faces. We will create our own collages, explore fruit printing, create fruits with playdough and use fruits to create artwork.

## Understanding the World

We will be exploring the celebrations of Chinese New Year, Easter and Mother's Day.

We will learn about how people celebrate and how this compares to own celebrations and traditions.



Books we will be reading:

Jack and the Beanstalk, The Enormous Turnip, Little Red Hen, Chicken Licken, Handa's Surprise.



Our Topic:

## How does your garden grow?

## Physical Development



We will learn how to use the climbing and balancing equipment linked to our story Rosie's Walk. Rosie walks around the farmyard going under, over, in between, around and through the obstacles.

## Mathematics



We will learn about the properties, names and features of 2D and 3D shapes. We will use subtraction vocabulary (take away, less, how many left, subtract, fewer) in our maths problems

## Communication and Language

We will explore vocabulary about growing. Please look for this in our home learning.

We will explain and sequence how plants and animals grow. E.g. egg to a chicken.



## Literacy



We will write instructions for growing plants and write a letter to the Giant (from Jack and the Beanstalk) to say sorry for taking the harp and hen. We will create a postcard for Handa in Africa.