



Curriculum Newsletter



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RTY

Reception
Spring 2 2022

Mrs Westby & Mrs Jones
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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be 'Going for Goals': Persistence (keep on going), resilience - bouncing back or maintaining effort through a difficult experience or after a mistake or failure and setting and achieving goals.

We will also learn about healthy eating - which foods are healthy and which to eat in moderation. We will learn how to look after our teeth and why brushing is important.

Our Focus Topic Books:

▶ Mr Wolf's Pancakes, by Jan Fearnley Great for Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day!

[The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#) by Eric Carle

▶ THE TINY SEED 🌱 🌸 READ ALOUD by Eric Carle

▶ 'Dora's eggs' read by Mrs Chester

Mathematics

We will be counting to 9 & 10, comparing numbers to 10 and bonds to 10.

We will be combining 2 groups together. We will compare length, height and time linked to the growth of plants.

We will explore 3-D shapes and repeating patterns linked to the fruit in The Very Hungry Caterpillar story.

Physical Development

We will learn simple games and gross motor skills with our P.E. coach.

We will continue to develop our letter formation to write clearly for others to read.

Our Topic:

Roots, Shoots and Juicy Fruits

Communication and Language

We will explore the growth of a plant and learn the vocabulary related to this - seed, bulb, root, shoot, stem, leaves, petal, pollen.

We will learn to retell an event or story, giving detail and using key vocabulary.

Understanding the World

We will explore life cycles of plants and animals. We will learn about the changes of a caterpillar into a butterfly and watch our own caterpillars grow, change, care for them and release them.

We will plant seeds, learn where plants get their food and water from and how we can look after them.

We will explore why Easter is special for Christians and create Easter cards.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be cooking and tasting lots in this topic - pancakes, fruit kebabs, cress (which we will grow) and hot cross buns.

We will use different media to make an observational drawing of a daffodil. We will create portraits using fruit and vegetables inspired by the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

Literacy

We are learning to use digraphs and trigraphs we hear in the words we are writing.

We will write simple sentences including 'tricky words' when writing instructions, letters, facts and labels. We are now trying to include finger spaces and full stops.



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Home Learning

Other books you can read at home to support this topic: (remember you could visit Catshill Library to borrow books about our growing topic)

- ▶ TEN SEEDS by Ruth Brown/ Read by : Collette Thomas...
- ▶ Miss Rolle Reads! Growing Frogs by Vivian French and Alison Bartlett
- ▶ Mrs Findlay reads 'Eddie's Garden and How to Make ... by Sarah Garland
- [Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth](#)
- ▶ Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French
- ▶ The Enormous Turnip (Retold by Irene Yates) I Read A...

Fun Phonics!

We are now in 'Phase 3' of our phonics learning. Try some of these online games to practise your phonics skills.

[Phonics Bloom Games](#)
[Forest Phonics - digraph words](#)
[Spooky Sounds](#) - this is a fun game to play when practising digraph sounds. Check with your teacher to find out which sounds you need to practise.

Don't forget to read your selected online books on [My Rising Stars](#)

Grow Your Own!

Can you grow your own food like the characters in our topic stories?

You could try some quick growing vegetables such as cress, salad leaves or radishes which take 1 week - 1 month to grow.

Other vegetables like carrots, peas and beans will take 2-3 months to grow.

You could record your gardening and plant growth through photos or a video diary.

Please share your home learning and as well as new experiences on **Tapestry** so your child can share this at school with their teachers and friends.

Life Cycles

Watch these videos to find out about animal and plant life cycles, plus there is a plant song!

- ▶ Science | KS1 | Animal life cycles | BBC Teach
- ▶ Roots, Stem, Leaves, Flower | Parts of a Plant Song | ...
- ▶ Science | KS1 | The plant life cycle | BBC Teach
- ▶ Bean Time-Lapse - 25 days | Soil cross section
- ▶ Our Chickens Hatching!!

Can you draw the life cycle of an animal or plant?
Can you write a sentence or label and picture about what happens in an animal or plant life cycle?

Magic Maths!

We follow White Rose maths scheme which offers home learning. [White Rose Home Learning](#)
To lock in your learning at home click the link above and follow the home learning for Spring term 'Growing 6, 7, 8' and 'Building 9 & 10'.

Also try out your counting skills:
[Topmarks - Counting Games](#)
And addition skills:
[Topmarks - Addition Games](#)

Healthy Eating

All food is okay to eat. Some foods we can eat more than others such as fruits, vegetables and meats. Other foods such as chocolate, sweets and 'fast food' should be eaten less often. [Eat Happy Project - find out about healthy eating](#)

You could try a new fruit or vegetable you have never eaten before - how did it taste?
Or you could cut out food pictures from a supermarket food magazine and make a healthy balanced meal on a paper plate.

Reminders

Key Dates

Friday 4th March - World Book Day
Monday 14th - Friday 18th March - Science Week
Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day
Friday 25th March - Reception Mother's Day Assembly for Parents 2.30pm (more information to follow)

P.E. and Forest Sessions

P.E. day for RTY & RWJ - Wednesdays
Forest Session RTY - Mondays
Forest Session RWJ - Thursdays

Reading Books

Reading daily for 10 minutes supports your child's development.
Bring your reading wallet to school every day.