

# Reception Newsletter

## Term 5

### Key Dates for the Diary

Play and Stay	4th May 9.00 - 9.30
Play and Stay	18th May 9.00 - 9.30
Celebration Afternoon	25th May 2.30 - 3.00
FAB Cake and Ice Cream Sale	26th May 3.30



Please come and support your child during these informal play sessions. It is a great time to share and celebrate your child's learning and personal achievements. You'll have the chance to look at your child's learning journey, talk with the class teacher and chat to other parents and carers. We would love to see you there!

### CELEBRATION AFTERNOONS

To support parents in celebrating their child's achievements with them, we will be offering 'Celebration Open Afternoons' from Term 5 onwards. Parents are invited to join us in our classrooms on **Thursday 25th May** at **2.30pm**. We hope to see lots of parents at this event.

## HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

This term, the children will be learning about the growing process of a plant. We will share fiction and non-fiction texts on this theme like the story of 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and the information text, 'From Seed to Sunflower'. Children will learn about the appearance, behaviours and habitats of garden mini-beasts. They will share the story of 'Yucky Worms' and learn to answer questions about worms and other insects using information retrieved from books and computers. Children will write labels, information booklets and instructions linked to these themes.



In Mathematics, we will be learning to double and halve numbers. The children will learn to subtract and find out how many are left in practical activities and games like skittles. Linking with our work on 'Jack and the Beanstalk', the children will also learn to compare and order objects by weight, height, length and capacity.

Have a look at these useful websites to help your child at home:  
[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5\\_6/growing\\_plants.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5_6/growing_plants.shtml)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/mini-beast-adventure-with-jess](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/mini-beast-adventure-with-jess)  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/mr-blooms-nursery>



## HOME LEARNING

Please continue to read with your child every day. Practise reading and writing the tricky words that are sent home. Encourage your child to write simple words and sentences. Keep practising counting, ordering and writing numbers 1-20.

We would be thrilled to receive any writing or number work that your child completes at home.

## OUR LEARNING IN TERM FOUR



Last term was full of space adventure! Children learnt the names of planets and some details about their



make-up and properties. They had great fun retelling the story 'Super Daisy' and 'her pea-punching powers'. We finished the term talking about fitness and healthy eating through the superhero story of 'SuperTato'.



Our Easter Bonnet parade took place during the last 'Play and Stay' session. The bonnets were amazing! Thank you to parents and children for all your efforts.

