

Reception Newsletter

Term 5

Key Dates for the Diary

Play and Stay	Thursday 26th April 9.00 to 9.30
Play and Stay	Thursday 10th May 9.00 to 9.30
Celebration Afternoon	Thursday 24th May 2.30



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 holding a 'Celebration Open Afternoon' in Term 5. Parents are invited to join us in our classrooms on **Thursday 24th 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 how plants and vegetables grow. 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'. The children will be planting beans and tending to their needs. The children will also 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. The children will write labels, information booklets and instructions linked to this mini-beast theme.

In Mathematics, the children will be learning to double and halve numbers. They 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', children will also learn to compare and order objects by weight, height, length and capacity. They will learn to recognise UK coins and to use them in our role-play garden centres.

These websites may help at home:

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/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.

AN ADVENTURE IN SPACE!

Last term we went on an amazing space adventure! Children had great fun retelling the story of 'Super Daisy' and 'her pea-punching powers'. We learnt about the properties of materials when we invented underpants for the aliens in our story.



The Easter Bonnet parade took



place at the end of term and was a great success! The bonnets were amazing! Thank you to parents and children for all your efforts!