

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share what your child will be learning during the Spring 2 term in Reception. This half term is full of hands-on exploration, outdoor learning, and celebrations from around the world.

### Literacy

Our main text for this half term is ***Bugs by Yuval Zommer***.

Children will explore non-fiction features, develop their vocabulary around minibeasts, and use the book to inspire writing, drawing, and fact-finding activities.



### Communication and Language

We will continue daily **Sounds Write** phonics sessions.

This half term sees us learning the following new sounds: sh, ch, th, ck, ng, wh, qu, ve, tch

Children will practise reading and writing words using a growing range of sound patterns, including:

- **VCC** (e.g. *egg, ink, ash, itch*)
- **CVCC** (e.g. *hand, milk, back, fish*)
- **CCVC** (e.g. *frog, stop, that, shop*)
- **CCVCC** (e.g. *plant, trust, whisk, chunk*)
- **CCVCV** (e.g. *string, splash, scrap, shrug*)

These will support children in building confidence with blending and segmenting longer words for reading and writing.

### Mathematics

This term we will focus on:

- Length, Height and Time  
Exploring and comparing sizes, lengths, and heights, and using language such as *longer, shorter, taller, faster, slower*.
- Building 9 and 10  
Recognising numbers 9 and 10, representing them in different ways, and exploring number bonds.
- 3D Shapes  
Naming and exploring 3D shapes, including cubes, cylinders, cones and spheres.

Children will engage in practical activities, problem-solving, and outdoor measurement tasks.

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## Understanding the World

Our topic this term is Growing and Changing. Children will be learning about how crops are grown in our local area, exploring which fruits and vegetables grow in different parts of the world, and discovering where our everyday food comes from—for example, oranges from Spain or bananas from Central America. They will also investigate the changes that living things go through as they grow, helping them build an understanding of the world around them.

We will also learn about the following religious and cultural celebrations:



- Purim
- Easter
- Holi
- Lent
- Eid ul-Fitr
- Ramadan



## How You Can Help at Home – Fine Motor Skills

Fine motor strength helps children with handwriting, fastening buttons, using cutlery, and more.

Here are some fun activities you can try together at home:

- Play with small construction toys such as LEGO or Duplo
- Water play using pipettes, spray bottles, or turkey basters to develop hand strength
- Lacing cards or threading shoelaces through holes
- Rolling small balls of tissue or foil using thumb and forefinger
- Practicing zips, buttons, and poppers on clothes or dressing-up items

We look forward to a wonderful half term of learning, discovery, and outdoor fun. Thank you for supporting your child's learning journey.

**Kind regards,**

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