

Reception Newsletter



Our learning next week...

In Phonics we will be learning...

We will be continuing to understand and recognise digraphs (when two letters come together to make one sound).

- Sounds: **th** and **ng**
- Reading and writing CVC words containing the digraphs **th** and **ng** e.g **think, thin, thick, ring, wing, king**
- Writing simple sentences with a capital letter, finger space and full stop.

In Maths we will be learning...

- Subitise arrangements of 6 and not 6
- Order number block images to 8
- Represent 8 as '5 and 3 more'
- Describe how to place numbers 1 – 8 in order
- Explain how to order quantities to 20
- Reason about which numbers are 'more than' others

Communication and Language

To develop the children's communication, language and vocabulary, each week we introduce two new words related to our topic that can be found in our book of the week. Next week our words of the week will be:

spaceship asteroid

Please do discuss these at home with your child and encourage them to use them verbally in sentences.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Exploring how it feels to share with somebody.
- Noticing how it might make somebody feel when you are kind to them.



Sunflower Challenge – 21st March

To celebrate World Down Syndrome Day this year, we are taking part in the sunflower challenge. As a year group we will be planting sunflower seeds and seeing how much they grow by 21st March (World Down Syndrome Day). You do not need to supply anything for this. We will keep you updated on our beautiful sunflowers!

"Each child, just like sunflowers, grows and blooms in different ways"



Literacy and Understanding the World

Our topic for this half term is **Space**.

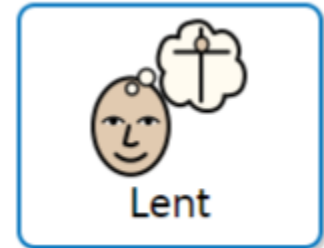
Next week, we are continuing with our book '**How to catch a star**' by Oliver Jeffers. As part of the Early Learning Goal, 'Past and Present', we will be learning about the people (and animals!) that have travelled to Space. We will also be exploring the different things we might find in Space, including the planets. Some of the key words we will be using in our writing are:

Rocket Astronaut Planet Moon Earth

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Desert to Garden

Objective: Lent is a time to grow closer to Jesus.



Reminder: Reading Diaries

Every week, the children take part in Guided Reading with both their class teacher and LSA's.

To record the child's reading progress, could we please ask that you ensure the children's reading diaries are in school every day.

Special Visitors from St George's College, Weybridge

On the final session with St Georges, which will be on the 14th March, all Reception staff and children are invited to go on a coach and attend a celebratory Mass at St George's College in Weybridge, where the Reception children will perform one of the songs they have learnt. At the Mass, we will be joined by the other local Catholic schools who share the partnership with St George's. The children will then be offered a snack and drink (provided by the College) and we will return to school by lunchtime.

In order for your child to attend the celebratory Mass, please ensure you provide consent on Arbor. If you are unable to log into Arbor, please contact the school office.

Important Dates

Friday 15th March	Inset Day
Friday 22nd March	Open Afternoon - Start time: 2.30pm
Thursday 28th March	End of Spring Term