

Spring 2 John Coles Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

This term we will be looking at the theme of 'Nature' looking at plants, flowers and then moving into Spring and Easter. Through these themes we will be covering all areas of the curriculum with lots of rich play activities, storytelling and adult guided activities.

Personal, Social and Emotional development



We will be doing circle time activities linking in with our SCARF theme 'Rights and Respects. We will look at being a good friend, being helpful and how to care for plants and animals.

Communication Language and Literacy

We will be sharing lots of different stories, including 'Jack and the Beanstalk, Oliver's Vegetables and Yucky Worms'. We will be extending our story telling vocabulary and focusing on the characters in the story. The children will also take part in Helicopter Stories each week and this will involve learning new poems and stories and also telling their own stories.



Phonics

The children have now been taught all the reception sounds. The next step is to continue to practise these and secure sounding out and blending of words with increased independence.

Please continue to help the children to learn these sounds at home. It is really important that children read at home. Please read weekly and record it in the yellow contact books. The children will also now be bringing home a book which they have chosen to read for pleasure. There is no need to record this in the contact book.

Fine Motor

Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills. We will focus on letter formation and a secure pencil grip. We will also continue to work on scissor skills and using scissors independently.

Maths

We will be taking part in daily maths activities. These will be hands on practical small group activities developing our knowledge of number, sorting, grouping and the concepts of more and less. We will also look at recognising quantity without needing to count, which we call 'subitising'. We will also look at length, height and 3D shapes.



Understanding of the World

Children will be developing their understanding of growing plants and what a plant needs to grow. We will also look at the season of Spring and spot changes in the natural world. We will also look at the celebration of Easter.

Physical Development

PE will be on a WEDNESDAY and we continue to have the PE coach working with John Coles class! As often as possible we will use our outdoor areas to build on skills as well as to give the children opportunity to develop the skills in co-operation, sharing and communicating that come through free play and team activities.

Expressive Arts

We will be painting flowers and vegetables looking closely at real examples. We will also be crafting some easter activities.



Any questions please pop and chat to any of us, thank you.